

**Resolution of the 2019 World Conference against A and H Bombs – Nagasaki  
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**Appeal from Nagasaki**

“The atomic bomb does not allow them to live or die as humans. By their very nature, nuclear weapons are weapons of madness, bringing total extinction. They are weapons so evil that humanity must never accept them.”

From the “Atomic Bomb Victims Demand”  
of Nihon Hidankyo (1984)

With these words the Hibakusha of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have exposed the inhumanity of nuclear weapons, weapons that deny the very dignity of human beings. The nuclear deterrence doctrine bizarrely claims that nuclear weapons guarantee security, but knowledge of the inhumane nature of nuclear weapons has seen extensive sympathy from both governments and citizens, ultimately resulting in the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The entry into force of the TPNW is now a matter of time. With the 75th anniversary of the suffering of the A-bombings approaching, we are determined to make every effort in an historic action to fulfill the desire of the Hibakusha for the abolition of nuclear weapons in our lifetime.

With the expiration of the INF treaty resulting from the pullout of the US, which leans towards actual use of nuclear weapons, the resumption of the nuclear arms race is a real concern. The five Nuclear Weapon States stand into line with one another in opposing the TPNW and turning their backs on the agreements reached by the past NPT Review Conferences. The nuclear danger is not something limited to the past. Yet the resistance of those who cling to nuclear weapons is an expression of their isolation. Towards the next NPT Review Conference in May 2020, let us bring together the forces of grassroots movements and governments and isolate even further those who cling to nuclear weapons.

In support of the Declaration of the International Meeting of the 2019 World Conference against A and H Bombs, we call for following actions:

- Learning about the damage caused by the atomic bombs and sharing the knowledge widely; organizing A-bomb photo and/or painting exhibitions and meetings to listen to the stories of Hibakusha; demanding drastic improvement in the A-bomb disease recognition system and state compensation for damage while strengthening our support and solidarity with them; passing on the stories of the Hibakusha and their struggle to uphold human dignity to younger generations.

- Intensifying the International Hibakusha Appeal Signature Campaign, the goal of which is hundreds of millions of signatures worldwide, in every region and community; obtaining support from

mayors, assembly members and citizens; Given that already more than 400 local assemblies have adopted resolutions urging the government to sign and ratify the TPNW, let us urge more local assemblies to adopt a statement to that effect; demanding the abrogation of Japan-US secret nuclear arrangements, strict application of the three Non-Nuclear Principles and their legislation.

- Building up and bringing our local actions: let us ensure success in the World Conference against A and H Bombs in New York and international joint actions on the eve of the 2020 NPT Review Conference.

- Reinforcing the struggle for the prevention of the revision of Article 9 of the Constitution by the Abe government as well as to have the “war laws” scrapped; in firm solidarity with “All Okinawa” in their struggle for the dignity of prefectural citizens, let us demand the cancelation of the construction of a new base at Henoko of Nago City and the immediate return of Futenma base. Let us oppose military build-up and consolidation of the Japan-US military alliance. We will reinforce cooperation between citizens and opposition parties with a view to having the Japanese government play a role befitting the A-bombed country.

- Pressing the Japanese government to adopt a diplomacy based on the peace principles of the Constitution for denuclearization and peace building on the Korean Peninsula. The deterioration of Japan-ROK relations can be improved if Japan separate politics from economic issues and takes a sensible stance based on a critical review of its past aggression and colonial domination. Let us build up broad solidarity among citizens in Japan, ROK and other countries in Northeast Asia who aspire to peace.

- Strengthening solidarity with movements opposing the restart of nuclear power plants, demanding a break with nuclear power and a switch to natural energy, and campaigning for the protection of the global environment. Let us strengthen campaigns against disruption of employment and livelihood, increasing poverty and the economic gap between the rich and poor, and for a cut in military expenditures and protection of livelihood, social welfare and education. We oppose all forms of discrimination and violence and demand gender equality and the expansion of LGBT rights. Let us oppose all forms of violation of freedom of expression.

- Standing on our common ground for the dignity of human beings, we will broaden our cooperation and solidarity with many social movements. Let us convey our cause for a world without nuclear weapons to all. Together with the Hibakusha and with the rising generations, let us look to the future.

No more Nagasakis, No more Hiroshimas, No more Hibakusha.  
Nagasaki should remain the last place to suffer a nuclear calamity.