

**We Call on the Governments of the Five Nuclear Weapon States  
to Make Every Effort to Reach a Consensus at the 11th NPT Review Conference,  
and to Fulfill the “Unequivocal Undertaking to Accomplish the Total Elimination  
of Their Nuclear Arsenals”**

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The New Japan Women’s Association is a women’s NGO with consultative status to the United Nations that has been working for 64 years since its founding to promote better livelihoods and peace, well-being of children, and the advancement of women’s rights and status. In particular, we have been working alongside the Hibakusha to campaign for the abolition of nuclear weapons across the country.

From April 27 to May 22, the 11th Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. As outrageous acts, particularly by some states possessing nuclear weapons, continue in defiance of the UN Charter and international law, the risk of nuclear use has increased to its highest level in decades. Against this backdrop, the Hibakusha and civil society around the world are closely watching the outcome of this Review Conference.

Now is the time to fulfill the obligation imposed on States Parties by NPT’s Article VI to pursue “negotiations on effective measures relating to nuclear disarmament,” as well as the “unequivocal undertaking by nuclear-weapon States to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals” agreed upon at the 2000 Review Conference. The NPT Review Conference has failed to adopt a final document for two consecutive sessions. We sincerely request nuclear weapon states to promote dialogues among States Parties to reach an agreement that charts a path toward a “world without nuclear weapons,” so that we can overcome the nuclear crisis through solidarity and cooperation.

The Hibakusha, atomic bomb survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, have shared their painful experiences and advocated that “humanity and nuclear weapons cannot coexist.” Their testimonies, combined with the persistent efforts of civil society, led to the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). What is needed to achieve a world without nuclear weapons is not “non-proliferation,” but the “elimination” of nuclear weapons.

TPNW complements and reinforces the NPT. As a women’s organization from the only country to have suffered atomic bombings in war, we call on all nations to join the TPNW and request nuclear weapon states to take the following actions:

1. Express the resolve to implement Article VI of the NPT and the undertaking to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals, and strive to build a consensus at the 11th NPT Review Conference.
1. Cease all military attacks and comply with the United Nations Charter and international law.
1. Become Party to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.