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Excellencies, distinguished delegates, dear friends,

It is a profound honor to speak today at the 2025 World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, held in the historic city of Hiroshima - a place that forever reminds humanity of the devastating consequences of war and the enduring aspiration for peace.

On behalf of the Viet Nam Union of Friendship Organizations (VUFO) and the Viet Nam Peace Committee (VPC), I extend our heartfelt greetings and deepest solidarity to all participants in this gathering, especially to the Hibakusha, whose courage and resilience has inspired peace movements around the globe.

For seven decades, this conference has stood as a beacon of moral clarity, amplifying voices of conscience and calling for a world free of nuclear weapons. Your tireless advocacy has helped shape vital international frameworks - such as the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) - while cultivating a profound global awareness that nuclear arms are inhumane and must be abolished.

This year, as we mark 80 years since the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki- the only time nuclear weapons have ever been used in the world - we are reminded of the unimaginable human suffering they inflicted, and the duty we bear to ensure such tragedies are never repeated.

Viet Nam understands this deeply. Our country has endured the scars of war and continues to grapple with the legacy of weapons of mass destruction, especially the lingering effects of Agent Orange/dioxin, which now still impact

millions of lives. We stand in solidarity with the Hibakusha and all who strive for a more peaceful world.

Distinguished delegates,

We meet at a time of ever-growing global insecurity: rising geopolitical tensions, sky-rocketing military budgets, the specter of a renewed arms race, and the persistent threat of nuclear escalation. In response, Viet Nam remains steadfast in its pursuit of a foreign policy independence, self-reliance, diversification and multilateralization, anchored by our “four-noes” defense principle. As a signatory of the NPT and a ratifying party to the TPNW, Viet Nam reaffirms its unwavering support for the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the advancement of global peace and security, grounded in dialogue and adherence to international law, particularly the UN Charter.

This year holds deep national significance for Viet Nam, as we commemorate both the 80th anniversary of independence and the 50th anniversary of reunification. It is a time of reflection and renewal. We are undertaking transformative reforms spanning governance, economy, society, and the environment to build a future of opportunity and resilience for all. In this endeavor, we recognize the indispensable role of people's organizations in fostering national and international solidarity, enrich peace-building efforts, and shaping a development landscape of peace, harmony and wealth.

VUFO and VPC are proud to play our part: promoting peace education and culture of nonviolence, strengthening regional and global cooperation and facilitating inclusive dialogue across borders. We hold strong the belief that the journey toward a world free of nuclear weapons is long and challenging, but achievable. It must be guided by clear actions, including: Revitalizing global efforts for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation; Expanding inclusive dialogue in multilateral platforms; Investing in human development, climate action, and the Sustainable Development Goals and Promoting justice for victims of war, like the Hibakusha, nuclear test survivors, Agent Orange victims, and countless others.

Dear friends of global peace,

Let us call for enhanced cooperation amongst governments, the UN agencies, and people's organizations to advance international disarmament, eliminate nuclear weapons, and address the root causes of insecurity and violence. Let's turn the tide of global conflict, division, and military expansion into building inclusive peace. Let's redirect resources to invest in realization of the Sustainable Development Goals and addressing global multiple crisis.

Finally, I extend my sincere appreciation to Gensuikyo and the Japanese peace movement for their tireless efforts and invaluable contributions. May the voices of this conference resonate far and wide, serving as an enduring foundation of hope and action for a global future.

I wish you all good health, strength, and success in our common cause.

Thank you very much for your solidarity and friendship!