

**Speech by the Ambassador of Mexico to Japan
At the World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs –
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Distinguished guests, dear friends, and fellow advocates of peace, I am honored to be here in homage to the Japanese people, at the 80th anniversary of one of the most tragic and dark episodes in human history.

I will start by recognizing the tireless work and courage of the Hibakushas, of the civil society organizations, activists, young people, and elderly people and of the members of Gensuikyo, all of whom have bravely raised their voices sharing their painful testimonies.

Mexico celebrates and honors the international recognition of Nihon Hidankyo —awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize in 2024, with one of the most powerful calls for peace. We must make sure the message reaches all future generations until the last nuclear warhead is destroyed.

The atrocities caused by the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki were not just tragedies of the past. They are warnings for the present — and for the future. They remind us that any further nuclear detonation would have devastating consequences. There would be no capacity in the world to deal with a catastrophe of such magnitude.

Mexico will not cease in its efforts to place nuclear disarmament at the highest level of the global agenda and will continue inviting States to advance multilateral

negotiations and comply with every aspect of the disarmament regime.

Mexico is fully convinced that it has the invaluable support of civil society in spreading this message and thus continuing to demand accountability from all States, particularly those that possess this type of weapons.

There can be no justification for weapons that have the capacity to destroy our entire civilization. There is no “responsible” use of nuclear weapons. There is no “safe” nuclear war. The only true security lies in the complete elimination of these weapons.

Mexico strongly condemns global military spending in light of the reduction in official development assistance. I am here today to echo this criticism and reiterate that, for Mexico, it is totally inconceivable and unacceptable that there are more than 12,500 nuclear weapons. Their continued existence in the world is not a sign of strength — it is a sign of failure: failure to prioritize life, dignity, and humanity. Humanity needs more resources for development, not for war and destruction.

The last few years and months have been marked by several crises and the escalation of conflicts everywhere that have made us witnesses to threats of nuclear weapons use, as well as a growing number of voices advocating or trivializing their use. This rhetoric should NOT be tolerated and much less normalized.

We will continue to look for avenues to strengthen our international commitments on disarmament and support the objectives of the TPNW. Therefore, I am proud to share that several Mexican scientists are members of the Scientific Advisory and Independent panels mandated to report on the situation and progress in the field of nuclear disarmament, nuclear weapons possession, as well as their potential risks, the humanitarian consequences of their use, and related issues at the local, regional, and global levels. We look forward to the panel's final report, which will be published in 2027.

Mexico wishes to reiterate once again its conviction and historic commitment that it will continue to work to achieve and maintain a world free of nuclear weapons, just as it was before August 1945.

We must stop accepting the idea that nuclear weapons are necessary. They are not. What the world truly needs is investment in education, health care, clean energy, and justice — not in building machines of death.

Mexico has the deep belief that peace is not only possible — it is the only way forward.