

**Nagasaki Day Rally/ Closing Plenary, 2023 World Conference against A and H Bombs
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Dear Colleagues and friends,

It has never been more important to revitalize the nuclear disarmament process, to put nuclear abolition back on the agenda and to increase the reach and impact of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). I and the International Peace Bureau (IPB) make the following commitments to nuclear disarmament and to all of you:

- 1) We will strengthen and help develop anti-nuclear and peace movements, and enhance public support for the elimination of nuclear weapons, in each country before the next NPT Review Conference and during the second meeting of state parties of the TPNW in November.
- 2) We will continue to work to strengthen the TPNW and the campaigns and actions of Gensuikyo (such as public events and international rallies) and ICAN. We will work to increase support of governments, especially those of the nuclear-sharing and 'umbrella' countries. We support the ICAN Cities Appeal.
- 3) We will develop an IPB brochure that argues against nuclear deterrence and advocates the concept of common security.
- 4) We will raise public awareness on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons by raising the voice of the Hibakusha.
- 5) We will promote and raise awareness of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones (NWFZs). We will call for the United Nations to undertake a second comprehensive study of NWFZs and within the study, address the issue of single-state zones which have not received the recognition or legal guarantees that they are rightfully entitled to.
- 6) We will bring attention to the dangers of nuclear energy and the risks of its weaponization.
- 7) We will continue to support worldwide activities for supporting the victims of nuclear testing, especially indigenous victims, underlying our commitment for the immediate ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) by all nuclear weapons states.

Furthermore, we commit ourselves to:

- 1) Call for new negotiations between Russia and the U.S. for the reestablishment of and preparations for a new START treaty;

- 2) Engage with the European network against Nukes in Europe and support their annual month/week of actions;
- 3) Prepare a position paper on two existential threats: nuclear weapons and climate change as well as the intricate links between them;
- 4) Collaborate with and expand our connections to other international civil society movements including environmental and climate activists, trade unions and workers' rights groups, human rights and democracy defenders, and those fighting for economic justice. The issue of nuclear weapons concerns us all and we must build these alliances to strengthen our movement.

These commitments, supported by the IPB General Assembly form the basis for our solidarity work with the victims of nuclear attacks and tests. We welcome all partners and allies to work together for a nuclear-free world. Together we can assure there will be no more Hiroshima, no more Nagasaki, no more Fukushima, and no more Hibakusha.