

# Appeal for a Total Ban on Nuclear Weapons



In August 1945, two atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki instantly turned the two cities into ruins and took the lives of about 210 thousand people. Even now, more than 200,000 Hibakusha, or A-bomb survivors, are carrying with them scars. **Their tragedy should not be repeated anywhere on earth.**

The call for the elimination of nuclear weapons is becoming ever widespread across the world. Citizens are taking actions, and many governments are endeavoring to reach this goal. The surest guarantee against there being another Hiroshima, or Nagasaki, is a total ban and the elimination of nuclear weapons.

In May 2010, the 189 parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), including the Nuclear weapons States, agreed **“to achieve the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons”**. Now let’s act to accomplish it.

***We call on all governments to enter negotiations without delay on a convention banning nuclear weapons.***

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