

**Comment by the Mayor of Hiroshima
regarding the Joint Statement of the Leaders
of the Five Nuclear-Weapon States**

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As the President of Mayors for Peace, I welcome that the leaders of the five nuclear-weapon States under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons all together affirmed that “a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought” in their statement on January 3, 2022. This acknowledgment dates back to 1985 when President Reagan and Secretary General Gorbachev issued it. It was reaffirmed last year by Presidents Biden and Putin, and now it was declared by all five nuclear-weapon States for the first time.

I appreciate all five nuclear-weapon States’ efforts in issuing this statement, as it is in line with the *hibakusha*’s long-standing fervent wishes—the total elimination of nuclear weapons. With such a spirit in mind, I call on them to collaboratively seek concrete measures that they can all agree upon, and that can lead them to taking substantial nuclear disarmament actions.