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From Nagasaki, where an atomic bomb exploded over the city 77 years ago, I would like to introduce a poem. It was written by a 17 year-old girl who lost her family and suffered serious injuries in the atomic bombing.
Please close your eyes and listen.

_Thousands of arms and legs were torn off_
_Intestines dropping out_
_Maggots swarming in bodies,_
_Those still breathing searched for loved ones_
_And cremated the dead body they found._
_The smoke of burning corpses rose into the sky_
_And innocent blood stained the water of Urakami River._

_Leaving only keloid scars, the war finally came to an end._

_But_
_My mother and father are gone._
_My brothers and sisters will never return._

_People are weak and quick to forget;_
_They repeat the same mistakes again and again._

_But_
_This one thing must never be forgotten._
_This one thing must never be repeated_
_Under any circumstances whatsoever…_

Imagine how much people have suffered because of nuclear weapons. Consider that tragedies such as this can happen to anyone as long as nuclear weapons exist.

Amid mounting concerns regarding nuclear weapons, the world is watching to see how the NPT Review Conference will fulfill its responsibility to safeguard the present and future of humanity.

I sincerely hope that the States Parties will conduct thorough discussion focused on “human security of humanity,” and reach consensus on a final document that will encourage substantive progress in nuclear disarmament.

Thank you for your kind attention.