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On behalf of the atomic bombed city of Hiroshima and Mayors for Peace, I welcome this opportunity to address our hopes and concerns at this Review Conference.

Firstly, I would like to honor the memory of Mr. Tsuboi Sunao, a courageous *hibakusha* who devoted all his life to campaign against nuclear weapons.

Thinking of all those victims who perished in the atomic bombings of 1945 and the unbearable suffering of the surviving *hibakusha*, I urge all parties to redouble their efforts to ensure that no single person ever has to face another such tragedy. Let us never forget the *hibakusha*'s deep conviction that "No one else shall ever suffer as we have."

Sadly, the current international situation is completely contrary to the *hibakusha*'s long-standing fervent wishes. The world is now witnessing a struggle for supremacy among nations, involving a confrontation between democracy and autocracy. This includes a nuclear arms race, threatening the lives of millions.

Yet in spite of their solemn duty for their fellow citizens, leaders are engaging in activities that gravely threaten not only their own people but also all of humanity. We are alarmed about these dangerous developments and cannot overlook them.

Therefore, we appeal to all delegations to expand the great common ground upon which all the states parties stand with respect to the NPT. We urge them to engage in earnest dialogue that transcends differences and to advance concrete nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation measures. We also encourage them to acknowledge that the TPNW is fully compatible with and reinforces the NPT.

We hope that the attending parties will reach a consensus Final Document that addresses concrete actions to alleviate *hibakusha*'s suffering and to eliminate all the great threats posed by nuclear weapons.