Ban All Nukes generation (BANg)’s Statement at the Second Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons, 13–14 February 2014

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We are the participants of the Game Changers project by Ban all Nukes generation. We are from Australia, Austria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Germany Japan, Kenya, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Switzerland, and US.

We are thrilled that Mexico is hosting this important conference and is giving civil society an opportunity to voice our views on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons.

We have a message for you.

At the beginning of the conference, we were very touched by the testimonies from the hibakusha. Their testimonies have renewed our determination to eliminate nuclear weapons once and for all.

We believe that nuclear weapons should never be used again under any circumstances. Everything should be done to reduce the risk of their use.

We further contend that the humanitarian imperative should be the motor for all nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation measures.

Chair and Delegates,

We simply cannot understand why nukes have yet to be banned. States must take responsibility for preventing the use of nuclear weapons.

We have the right to say no to nuclear weapons because we are the generation, who were born after nuclear weapons were made by our parents and grandparents’ generations.

We, the youth, do not want to be the victims of nuclear weapons.
We have the responsibility to serve as a bridge between our parents, grandparents, and our children’s generations.

We desperately long for and dream of a world, where our children and grandchildren live in a world free of nuclear weapon

Now, it is the time for us to be all Game Changers.

Gracias!