Statement

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Madame President,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I am a sufferer of the atomic bombing in Nagasaki. When the bomb exploded, I was at home some 2.9km from the epicenter. I was at age 22 months at that time.

For the Hibakusha who have carried the desire for 72 years since then for “No more Hibakusha anywhere on earth” and for the elimination of all nuclear weapons, the draft convention released on last May 22 is a tremendous hope. It shows compassion on our suffering in the preamble, and acknowledges the efforts of the Hibakusha as part of the evidence for which the convention is to be adopted. We, the Hibakusha, are deeply moved by and heartily welcome this profoundly humanitarian draft convention.

The agony of the Hibakusha continues. It is deep and seems never ending. As the draft convention recognizes, this in its all aspects is the inhumane consequence brought about by a single nuclear weapon. All present effort to prohibit nuclear weapons should further lead to reach the goal of global zero without losing much time.

The nuclear weapon is created by humans, used by the humans and therefore to be abolished by the humans. I call on everyone: Let us ban and eliminate all nuclear weapons.