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Fervent Objection to the Russian Invasion of the Ukraine

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I am shaking with anger over the Russian invasion of the Ukraine. This invasion is a declaration of war. It reminds me of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which led to a war that resulted in the ruination of our country and led to the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

As a Hibakusha (atom-bomb survivor), I cannot tolerate that President Putin has boasted of Russia's nuclear arsenal and threatened to use nuclear weapons.

Although I was only 5-years old, I will never forget the bright flash and nuclear blast that turned my city into a black wasteland—the dead scattered in the roads and piled up in the rivers, and people pleading for a drink of water. These actions by Russia threaten to repeat the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, dooming even more people to become Hibakusha.

In the founding declaration of Hidankyo, we Hibakusha pledged “to save humanity from nuclear crisis through the lessons learned from our experiences, while at the same time saving ourselves.” To this day, we have devoted our lives to creating a world free of nuclear weapons.

This invasion tramples on the aspirations of survivors and threatens all of humanity. We appeal to you, end this aggression immediately.