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Statement:

We Call on Russia to Immediately Stop Invasion of Ukraine

We are survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

We are outraged and horrified to learn of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

President Putin's decision is a dangerous act that could lead humanity to ruin. His attitude of willingness to use nuclear weapons and even to fight a nuclear war is unacceptable to humanity. Russia should bear in mind that if it were to use nuclear weapons, it would be fully accountable for the enormous damage that would result.

We earnestly call on President Putin to put aside his personal ambitions, recover his humanity and immediately stop the invasion of Ukraine.

On the 6th and 9th of August 1945, 77 years ago, the atomic bombs dropped by the US military turned Hiroshima and Nagasaki into cities of death in an instant. It was hell, the Atomic Hell. The entire city vanished in an instant, leaving behind only black rubble. Bodies lay here and there; they were piled up in the rivers. There were people and more people and more people seeking water.

The atomic bombs claimed more than 210,000 lives during that year alone. To this day, the atomic bombs continue to cause suffering to the lives, bodies and minds of the Hibakusha, including A-bomb disease, health insecurity, economic difficulties, prejudice and discrimination.

The appeals of the Hibakusha and the aspirations of people throughout the world led to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The only sure way to protect humanity from nuclear weapons is to make use of this Treaty and abolish nuclear war and nuclear weapons.

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