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To the Permanent Missions of
United Nations Member States and Observers

Your Excellencies,

It is my great honor to present to you the attached document, *Hiroshima Watch 2025*.

This year marks 80 years since the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. On August 6, 1945, the world's first atomic bomb was dropped on our city, resulting in its near-total devastation and the loss of an estimated 140,000 lives by the end of that year. Even today, many survivors continue to suffer from the long-term effects of this tragedy.

At the same time, the global security environment has become increasingly precarious. The prolonged Russian invasion of Ukraine and the ongoing hostilities between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip have heightened geopolitical tensions. As a result, the risk of nuclear weapon use has increased, while the reliance on nuclear deterrence and the expansion of nuclear arsenals appear to be deepening.

In response to these challenges, Hiroshima Prefecture annually convenes the *Hiroshima Roundtable*, a multilateral forum dedicated to promoting constructive dialogue on nuclear disarmament. This forum brings together leading experts and practitioners in nuclear disarmament and international affairs from Japan and abroad. The outcomes of these discussions have been shared with the international community through the Chair's Statements and, since last year, through the publication of *Hiroshima Watch*.

This past September, the *Hiroshima Roundtable* was held with expert participation from Australia, China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Poland, Russia, and the United States. Building upon those deliberations, we have prepared the second edition of *Hiroshima Watch*, which I am honored to share with you as *Hiroshima Watch 2025*.

This document reviews nuclear disarmament commitments made by relevant States and offers concrete recommendations for advancing the shared goal of a world free of nuclear weapons. It addresses both nuclear-armed States and those that rely on extended nuclear deterrence.

On behalf of the A-bombed city of Hiroshima, I respectfully request your thoughtful consideration of this document and your continued efforts to build an international society in which the horrors of nuclear weapons are never repeated.

In closing, I extend my sincere wishes for your health and continued success in your important work. I also hope you will have the opportunity to visit Hiroshima in the near future to witness the enduring legacy of the atomic bombing and to join us in our common pursuit of a peaceful world free from nuclear weapons.

Respectfully yours,

Hidehiko YUZAKI

Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture
President of the Hiroshima Organization for Global Peace (HOPE)

Attachment:

“Hiroshima Watch 2025”

This document compiles expert opinions, focusing on policy recommendations to nations regarding urgent issues surrounding nuclear weapons, to help realize a peaceful world without nuclear weapons. Its creation was proposed during the *“Hiroshima Roundtable”* held in 2023, and it was first published in 2024. This is its second publication.

<https://www.pref.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/hiroshimaforpeace/about-h-report.html>

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