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To the next generation of youth:

The nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki revealed the destructive capacity of technology when it is destined to a military purpose. Hundreds of thousand civilians died after the detonation of the bombs in those cities.

There is no winning after a detonation. Its effects alter everything: the natural resources that feed us and gave us water, the air the world breathes, the DNA of humans, animals and plants. Even an accidental or practice detonation has a huge impact upon us all.

We estimate that, at the beginning of 2019, nine States have approximately 13,865 nuclear weapons. Notably, their destructive power has increased since 1945. Nuclear weapons represent a major risk to the world population, to the environment, to global health and to alimentary safety. It is an obstacle to economic development as well as a problem to ensure the human right to live in a land of choice.

Since the first nuclear detonation, Mexico unilaterally adopted the decision to never develop or allow the deployment of any other country's nuclear weapons in our territory. Therefore, our Constitution establishes that nuclear energy can only be used for peaceful purposes. Mexico also lead the efforts to establish Latin America as the first Nuclear-weapons free zone, in 1967.

It is our historical and collective responsibility to make sure that the attacks like those that took place in Hiroshima and Nagasaki never happen again. Let us all together continue striving for the construction of a safer world based on the international law, international cooperation and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

Sincerely,

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