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C7 Communiqué 2023 Nuclear Disarmament Working Group Annex: Requests for the G7 Hiroshima Summit

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Dear Leaders of the Group of 7 (G7),

We respect your perseverance in these eventful and challenging days, and humbly request as follows:

With the G7 Summit in Hiroshima just around the corner, humanity faces its biggest crisis since the end of WWII, there are only "90 seconds" left on the Doomsday Clock. While the atomic-bombed city of Hiroshima is hurrying preparations to host the Summit, and has high expectations for the event, some are concerned that it will be a "stage for rent" that will only showcase the exclusive solidarity of the Western nations.

Therefore, we ask you to make the Hiroshima Summit a historic event by presenting a concrete path toward nuclear disarmament and nuclear weapons abolition so that the agenda of "Toward a World without Nuclear Weapons" will not end up as a mere slogan. To this end, we hope you will take the lead as a representative of the world and present concrete policies toward nuclear weapons abolition.

Below are the minimum wishes of the atomic-bomb survivors, Hibakusha, who do not have much time left. We sincerely hope that they will be reflected at the summit.

--- Requests ---

Oaths and Appeals of the Inscription

- When in front of the inscription on the Cenotaph for the A-bomb Victims, please accept with sincerity the earnest wishes of the Hibakusha, who have worked so hard to ensure that no one in the world will ever have to experience the same tragedy again.

Visiting A-bomb Museum and Meeting with Hibakusha

- We hope that the visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum will not be rushed, and that the tour will take plenty of time.
- We would like you to listen to Hibakusha's "opinions and thoughts" and "what they hope" rather than just hearing their "stories."
- We hope you have a meeting to exchange opinions with the Hibakusha, and each of you gives one statement. We would like you to hear Hibakusha's thoughts on a one-on-one basis, with each of the seven leaders accompanied by one Hibakusha.

Ending Russian Aggression and War

- We are afraid that accusations against Russia, the Republic of China, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as well as support and military reinforcement for Ukraine, will come to the forefront, prolonging the Russian aggression, increasing the risk of using nuclear weapons, and expanding the arms race.

- We hope that the G7 leaders will take an unprecedented approach that does not depend on military force, and play a leading role in peaceful diplomatic efforts through dialogue to achieve an early end to Russian aggression and war and a ban on the threat and use of nuclear weapons by all nuclear-weapon states.

Nuclear Disarmament and Abolition

- We ask that the meeting does not end as a mere ceremony in which each head of state expresses their agreement with the slogan "Toward a World without Nuclear Weapons," but that they come up with concrete goals and a roadmap for achieving such a vision. Please enable discussions that will provide a prime opportunity for each leader to solidify their commitment to the abolition of nuclear weapons. Please show that the seven major nations are leading the way in bridging the division between nuclear-weapon states and non-nuclear-weapon states and forming common ground to discuss the abolition of nuclear weapons.
- As a statement on the abolition of nuclear weapons, we would like you to at least declare that you will not use nuclear weapons in any preemptive strike.

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

- We would like the G7 countries (which are nuclear-armed states and their allies) to participate as observers in the Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- The action plan on victim assistance obligations (where victims are understood as Global Hibakusha) agreed at the first Meeting of States Parties is now in motion. Countries that have not ratified the Treaty can endorse and support victim assistance from a humanitarian point of view. The G7 leaders should take the lead in supporting relief measures for nuclear victims.
- We would like the G7 countries to engage in discussions that actively explore ways to accede to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Let the World Know the Reality of the Atomic Bombing

- In accordance with the Hiroshima Action Plan proposed by Japanese Prime Minister Kishida, we would like to ask you to support efforts to encourage the younger generation to visit the atomic-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and interact with atomic-bomb survivors around the world.

Sincerely yours,

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