

2012 Nagasaki Declaration¹

“Promoting Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education”

We, the participants of the “Global Forum on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education”, committed to advancing disarmament and non-proliferation education (DNPE),

Recalling in this 10th anniversary year of the United Nations Secretary-General’s 2002 report on DNPE (A/57/124) the 34 recommendations contained therein, the joint working paper submitted by Japan and the United Nations University to the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) (NPT/CONF.2010/WP.6), Action 22 of the Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference (NPT/CONF.2015/50 (Vol.1), the joint working papers submitted by Austria and Japan as well as by the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI)² to the First Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.1/WP.11 and NPT/CONF.2015/PC.1/WP.14), and Paragraph 22 of the Istanbul Statement of the Foreign Ministers of the NPDI,

Building upon past and current efforts on DNPE by various actors – national and local governments, international organizations, schools, research institutes, media, non-governmental organization (NGO), students and concerned citizens,

Noting the importance of holding the Global Forum on DNPE in Nagasaki,

Recognizing that the accident at TEPCO’s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station has shed light on the increasing importance of DNPE,

Affirm that:

- The catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons are a concern to us all, and thus we must all share a sense of responsibility for promoting further global disarmament and non-proliferation efforts;
- The disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), as well as combating illicit trade of conventional weapons, in particular small arms and light weapons, are essential to building a peaceful and secure world for all, and to enhancing sustainable economic and social development;
- DNPE aims to empower members of our societies with the necessary awareness, knowledge and skills to make their own contribution, as national and world citizens, to the realization of disarmament and non-proliferation objectives, including achieving and maintaining a world free of nuclear weapons;

¹ This Declaration is issued by the Co-Chairs of the Global Forum on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education under their own responsibilities.

² The members of the NPDI are Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. The NPDI is a cross-regional group to take forward the consensus outcomes of the 2010 NPT Review Conference.

- DNPE, in particular appropriately funded DNPE, is a powerful tool for nurturing the critical thinking necessary to make sound judgments and take appropriate action;
- While a wide range of actors are involved in implementing DNPE—as described in the Preamble—there is a particular need to train and empower younger generations, who will be the future leaders.

With the successful conclusion of the Global Forum in Nagasaki, we highlight the following:

- Testimony from an atomic bomb survivor designated by the Government of Japan as a Special Communicator for a World without Nuclear Weapons vividly illustrated the horrific humanitarian consequences of using nuclear weapons, lessons which need to be passed on across national borders and generations. The importance of translating testimonies into different languages was emphasized;
- The direct participation of civil society, including educators and NGOs, allowed for an examination of a wide range of approaches to DNPE as well as the sharing of new ideas;
- At this forum, students worked together with experts to develop and demonstrate critical thinking skills in relation to disarmament and non-proliferation issues. The effectiveness of the arts as a medium for DNPE was also demonstrated in various ways;
- Internet-based social network services played an important role, through which we were able to deliver our messages to those who were not physically present at the conference;
- The efforts of the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), including the disarmament education website of the UN office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), the Cyberschoolbus and the Capacity Development Initiative, have greatly enhanced DNPE.

*So that the Global Forum does not become a single, isolated event and this two-day meeting will kick off a long process leading to the spread of DNPE worldwide, **we hereby declare our determination to further promote DNPE efforts with a view to forging a global network for DNPE, and commit ourselves to:***

- sharing what we have learned and thought at the Nagasaki Global Forum as widely as possible, as a next step to further developing DNPE;
- implementing, as appropriate, the 34 recommendations in the 2002 UNSG report;
- advocating in various international fora, including the United Nations and the NPT process, the importance of DNPE as well as encouraging various actors to take concrete actions;
- enhancing dialogue and collaboration among a diverse range of actors to implement DNPE activities;
- reaching out to the younger generations through training to empower them and encourage their active involvement in disarmament and non-proliferation;
- applying critical thinking skills to specific case studies, such as the establishment of

regional nuclear weapon-free zones, international negotiations such as those for the Arms Trade Treaty, and international agreements covering the final phase of the nuclear disarmament process, in the practice of DNPE;

- translating and digitizing the voices of victims of armed violence into different languages, in particular the testimonies of atomic bomb survivors and victims of small arms and light weapons;
- utilizing the communicative and interactive functions of the internet and social media to support and promote DNPE;
- launching the Global Forum Facebook page as an international platform and network for DNPE activities as well as the exchange of views and ideas among various stakeholders.

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