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I am from Nagasaki City and am a Hibkusha, radiation victim of the Nagasaki plutonium bomb.

I experienced the atomic bombing on the 9th Aug. 1945. I was recognized as an A-bomb victim in 1976 and got an official notebook for that.

Now I am carrying forward the activity against nuclear tests and abolish nuclear weapon.

61 years has past but there are still many A-bomb survivors are suffering for health problems.

I have joined the first World Conference for Radiation Victims in N.Y. in 1987 and learned that there many people who is suffering nuclear damage in the world and seeking compensation. Many places around the world, radiation victims appeal their fear and health problem. On the contrary, their governments and utilities promoting nuclear developing policy are hiding information and saying it's clean and damageless.

I didn't know much about the damage and the effect of French nuclear tests.

4 years ago, in July 2002 I could come here and participate in the Annual General Meeting of Moruroa e tatou. I have learned from other participants' report that the number of radiation victims are increased and understood that the damages are still counting more and to be found.

In Japan, Atomic bomb victims are neglected publicly and couldn't speak out their damages after the bombings 12 years long.

On the 1st of March 1954, hydrogen bomb test conducted by U.S. at the Bikini Atoll, made a huge damage and radiation contamination in the Pacific including Japanese tuna-fishing boat. The death of one crew is reported right after, then many tuna fish were found contaminated by radiation in many Japanese port. This case draw people's attention to the fear of radiation and the movement against nuclear tests and for abolish nuclear weapon started growing in Japan.

Then some atomic-bomb victims started speaking out their experiences openly. The existence of Hibakusha (A-bomb survivors) became known publicly. Anti-nuclear movement grew to move Japanese government to enact Hibakusha Medical Treatment Law in 1977. After that, medical care for Hibakusha improved its contents and widened application scope step by step.

By now, 4 categories of Hibakusha are recognized by government to issue official notebooks to get medical treatment and annual physical examination.

1st of them, direct A-bombed, who lived within 2 km from the center of explosion.

2nd, who entered those (2km) area within 2 weeks after the explosion and probed by other's testimonies.

3rd, who took care the victims or buried the dead more than 10 bodies.

4th, who got radiation while they were embryo and their mothers are recognized in these 3 categories.

We the Hibakusha think these policy of our government are not enough. Japanese government should recognize the historical fact and its responsibility for the WW2, and the compensation and apology for that should be done.

And we are carrying forward to make Nagasaki as the last nuclear attacked city, and abolish nuclear weapons all around the world.

I think today, with you all here we can share the purpose of our struggle to recover the human rights for radiation victims, and to make no more hibakusha around the world.

Hibakusha of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in solidarity with Polynesian radiation victims, support your struggle as long as radiations exist on earth.

Thank you very much.