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JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER SHINZO ABE ANNOUNCED DRAFT NUCLEAR DESARMAMENT PROPOSAL

FOR FALL SESSION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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USPA NEWS - Japanese Prime Minister SHINZO ABE announced that his country plans to present a draft nuclear disarmament proposal at the upcoming fall session of the United Nations General Assembly, speaking in HIROSHIMA on Thursday, the seventeenth anniversary of the US atomic bombing...

During the cold war, a number of initiatives sought to eliminate all nuclear weapons, some of the prominent ones being the Baruch Plan (1946), the Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting in Reykjavik (1986), and Rajiv Gandhi's action plan presented to the UN General Assembly in 1988. At the time of their inception, none of these proposals bore fruit. However, after the end of Cold War, the United Nations began to evaluate more seriously the feasibility of a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

During the 2015 NPT (Non-proliferation Treaty) Review Conference (27 April-22 May 2015), Foreign Minister of Austria delivered a joint statement on the human consequences of nuclear weapons on behalf of 159 Non-nuclear weapon states (NNWS).

In October 10, 2006, JAPAN introduced before United Nations General Assembly, a draft on "renewed determination to eliminate nuclear weapons", in wake of nuclear weapon test by Democratic People's Republic of KOREA.

On April 27, 2015, opening day of the Review Conference on the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, JAPAN's Foreign Minister Fumio KISHIDA delivered a speech inviting political leaders from across the globe to travel to the two cities and "witness with their own eyes the realities of atomic bombings".

The five nuclear powers recognized under the NPT (BRITAIN, CHINA, FRANCE, RUSSIA and the UNITED STATES) favor a step-by-step approach disarmament over instituting a ban on nuclear weapons.

The people who campaign for nuclear disarmament come with the following arguments :

- Nuclear power is not carbon emission free
- Climate change is happening now
- It's expensive
- It's not sustainable
- Nuclear power threatens the environment and people's health
- Uranium mining kills
- Nuclear accidents
- A terrorist target
- The proliferation of nuclear weapons is inextricably linked to nuclear power by a shared need for enriched uranium...

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