

Press release

His Excellency Mr. BOUKADOUM, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations supportive to the Appeal of Japanese nuclear arms victims ; « The HIBAKUSHA ».

Mr. Sabri BOUKADOUM, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations, New York, acting in his capacity as a Chairperson of the First Commission of the UN General Assembly in charge of Disarmament and International Security issues, has received on October 6th, 2016, a courtesy call at United Nations Headquarters, from Mr. Toshiki FUJIMORI, Secretary General of the Japanese Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations.

The main purpose of that audience was to submit officially to the President of the Commission a petition of more than 560.000 signatories in support of the "HIBAKUSHA" international Appeal, calling for the elimination of nuclear arms and the conclusion of an international Treaty on prohibition and elimination of these arms.

On behalf of the Commission and the International Community, Mr. BOUKADOUM paid a tribute to the resilience spirit and hopes embodied by Hibakusha, who survived the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and conveyed his sincere thankfulness for the commitment and the tirelessly efforts of that Confederation in seeking a World without nuclear arms.

In that regard, the Chair of the Commission remind that Mr. Ban-Ki-moon, Secretary General of the UN, declared recently that "the Hibakusha has transformed their tragedy to a message of hope and a rallying cry for the humankind".

Furthermore, Mr. BOUKADOUM expresses his availability to work with that Confederation to promote the activities of awareness and education, in particular toward young generations, focusing on the risks and dangers of the nuclear arms in the framework of the Commission works.

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