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Comunicato del MIR nell'anniversario delle bombe atomiche su Hiroshima e Nagasaki

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MIR Statement on the anniversary of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki

This year again, on 6 and 9 August, we remember the most devastating explosions in history, those that brought destruction and death to the two cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

Again this year everyone repeats: 'It must never happen again'.

But the atomic threat remains, because 13,000 nuclear warheads are still ready to destroy cities like Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

There is, however, one piece of news this year that can provide hope and encourage a greater commitment to disarmament: since 22 January this year, the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Unfortunately, many countries have still not ratified it, including Italy, which continues to have US nuclear weapons at its bases in Aviano and Ghedi.

Nuclear weapons are immoral and are now also illegal under international law.

On this occasion, M.I.R. (Movimento Internazionale della Riconciliazione - Italia) once again calls on the Italian government to adhere to the Treaty, as the majority of the Italian people want, as requested by all the organisations carrying out the "Italy, think about it again" campaign [[Rete Italiana Pace e Disarmo](#) - Italian Peace and Disarmament Network, [Sbilanciamoci](#)] and by the thousands of mayors in Italy and all over the world who adhere to "[Mayors for Peace](#)", so that no city is destroyed by war.

MIR also invites everyone to take a minute's silence on 6 August at 8:15am and on 9 August at 11:02am, in memory of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the thousands of lives broken.

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