

Secretary-General's report on Youth, Disarmament and Non-proliferation

1. Name of the organization

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4. Submission to Secretary-General's report on Youth, disarmament, and non-proliferation. Please note the maximum length for submissions is 500 words.

As an NGO in consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Soka Gakkai International (SGI) advanced youth engagement and empowerment in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation. Between July 2023 and June 2025, SGI organized a variety of activities both within the context of UN fora and at the grassroots level.

SGI youth representatives participated in disarmament-related UN conferences, including the Meetings of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). In the lead-up to the third Meeting of States Parties (3MSP), the Student Division in Japan conducted the Youth Peace Awareness Survey in five nuclear-affected countries—Australia, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Marshall Islands, and the United States—beginning in January 2025, in collaboration with other youth-focused organizations. A midterm report was submitted at the 3MSP, where SGI also co-organized a side event to share the survey results and highlight youth-led activities in the respective countries.

Furthermore, in collaboration with other organizations, SGI Youth in Japan co-organized the Future Action Festival in March 2024, focusing on the intersection of the nuclear and climate crises. The festival was attended by 70,000 youth in person and more than 500,000 online. In preparation, the organizing committee conducted the Peace Awareness Survey between December 2023 and February 2024, and delivered a Joint Statement—based on approximately 120,000 responses—in the lead-up to the UN Summit of the Future held in September 2024.

In parallel with these initiatives within the UN framework, SGI also organized a wide range of regional events and activities related to disarmament and non-proliferation. Since August 2023, the Youth Conference of the Women's Peace Committee in Japan has held Hibakusha Testimony Hearings in each region and prefecture, providing young women the opportunity to hear firsthand stories from Hibakusha of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to engage in nuclear abolition efforts.

To commemorate the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Nihon Hidankyo, SGI co-hosted a Youth Dialogue with Hibakusha at the University of Oslo on 11 December 2024 during Nobel Week, where local high school and university students gathered to listen to testimonies from Dr. Masao Tomonaga and Ms. Keiko Ogura.

Additionally, SGI Philippines organized Youth Peace Fairs in several cities on 22 September 2024, featuring the anti-nuclear exhibition “Everything You Treasure - For a World Free From Nuclear Weapons.” The fairs served as a platform for local youth to expand their networks and explore the issue of nuclear weapons from diverse perspectives and interests.

Moreover, the Youth Division in Japan held the Youth Summit on the Renunciation of War in Okinawa (August 2023) and Hiroshima (September 2024), where youth delegates from various regions gathered to discuss how to advance grassroots initiatives for peace and nuclear abolition. This annual summit, held since 1989, provides a forum for sharing regional peace activities and e

xchanging ideas on peacebuilding among youth delegates from across the country.

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5. Executive summary of your organization's submission. Please note the maximum length for submissions is 200 words.

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SGI also promoted regional initiatives, including Hibakusha Testimony Hearings (Japan), Youth Dialogue with Hibakusha (Norway), Youth Peace Fairs (Philippines), and Youth Summit on the Renunciation of War (Japan).

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6. Organization wishes their submission to be posted on the ODA website.

Yes

No