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The Scope

The Congolese Civil Society of South Africa (CCSSA) is a member of the **Nuclear Age Peace Foundation** and is based in Cape Town, South Africa, and dedicated to advocating for social and environmental justice, as well as the protection of human rights.

The CCSSA stands against xenophobia in South Africa and elsewhere and any type of discrimination against migrants and refugees.

Since 2015, we noticed that on the book of nuclear age of human, where the nuclear technology's full histories were captured, no official declaration of the first affected community and victims of the nuclear technology who are from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), were not mentioned as the provider of tons of uranium of 65% of radioactivity with their bare hand without protective clothe for the Manhattan project of the atomic bomb dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

After 80 years of the establishment of UN since 1945, there is a high secrecy and serious official misinformation, fear, intimidation and diplomatic or political motivation who is blocking the missing link of Hiroshima and Nagasaki from the side of DRC's narrative to be considered as the PRIMARY AFFECTED COMMUNITY AND VICTIMS which the secrecy and the systematic interdiction of any civil society voice or declaration concerning **the mine of Shinkolobwe** in DRC were systematically banned for any freedom of speech, declaration or awareness.

We are appealing for the first essential step toward genuine reconciliation and justice: that the United States acknowledge the illegality and criminal nature of the entire process—from adopting the doctrine of indiscriminate bombing, to exploitation of uranium in Belgian Congo and subsequent development of nuclear weapons, and ultimately to dropping atomic bombs on densely populated cities—and that it offer an official apology to the victims.

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The primary affected victims of nuclear technology have been silenced for too long, about a century now.

Our statement:

- An official recognition of the Congolese people as the primary affected community and victims of the nuclear age.
- A freedom of expression process to be established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations office in the case of the Shinkolobwe mine in DRC.
- Freedom of access to the Shinkolobwe mine and study cases of victims' families for research and a complete history of the nuclear technology without intimidation or risk of losing life and generational identification.
- Freedom of database process for the affected community and victims since the opening of the Shinkolobwe mine to be conducted by civil societies, national or international.
- A remediation process to be established.
- A nuclear cleanup process under civil society full responsibility.
- Safety for any actors with no threat of death.

Joint Collaboration

In solidarity, we stand for all affected communities' victims from the Shinkolobwe uranium who have, up to now, been denied official recognition as South Korea's atomic bomb victims (Hapcheon Anti-Nuclear Peace), Marshallese under the Trinity bombing test originating from the same uranium of Shinkolobwe, the New Mexico people, Karastan and other ongoing nuclear tests around the world.

This statement is given by the Congolese Civil Society of South Africa, Affected Communities and Allies Working Group, Indigenous World Association, and Marshallese Educational Initiative.

We must recognize that the entire nuclear fuel chain, from uranium mining to waste disposal, undermines peoples' fundamental rights to life, health, and a clean environment. We urge Member States to acknowledge that nuclear energy is neither peaceful nor a climate solution. We work to fulfil the United Nations (UN) Charter and the promise of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons, and to press the United States (US) and all nuclear-armed nations to sign, ratify, and implement the Treaty, respectively.

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We therefore call upon the United Nations to fundamentally re-examine the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

We further call for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) to be strengthened into a truly independent international legal instrument—free from the influence of nuclear-armed states—and to include mechanisms for monitoring and holding nuclear-armed states accountable while safeguarding the sovereignty and security of non-nuclear nations.

Yours sincerely,

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