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She said that survivors of nuclear bombs, the hibakusha, have been the driving force in the creation of the nuclear weapons prohibition treaty. The experiences they have been sharing "touch the human soul," she said, adding that the negotiations were a "combination of reason and heart."



U.S. nuclear weapons test at the Nevada Test Site, 1953 (Photo by U.S. Government)



Elayne Whyte Gómez, of Costa Rica, President of the United Nations conference to negotiate a legally-binding treaty to prohibit nuclear weapons, briefs journalists as the conference concludes, July 7, 2017 (Photo by Eskinder Debebe courtesy UN)



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