



While the UN Humanitarian Summit is gathering in Istanbul ICAN Turkey calls the world to focus on the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons !

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While the leaders of the world has gathered in Istanbul in order to discuss the humanitarian intervention in case of a crisis ICAN Turkey calls the leaders of the world to start the negotiations of a treaty banning nuclear weapons because as a matter of fact in case of any use of a nuclear weapon accidentally or intentionally there will be no chance for any humanitarian intervention.

The United Nations Humanitarian Summit has gathered in Istanbul on 23th-24th of May, 2016. In this first Humanitarian Summit the leaders of the world are expected to discuss the issue of humanitarian response in case of a crisis.

Nowadays, while the regional and global conflicts tend to increase and intensify, one of the biggest threats to the humanity is the nuclear weapons. These weapons cause mass killings, environmental catastrophes, and consequences which effect generations.

Today in the world there are nine nuclear weapons state (Russia, USA, Britain, France, China, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, India) which possess almost 15,000 nuclear weapons. USA and Russia have 1,800 nuclear weapons which are ready to use in a minute. Most of them are stronger than the ones used in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. Also there umbrellla states which has USA's nuclear weapons on their territories under NATO agreement. One of them is Turkey. In İncirlik Military Base in Adana there are 60-90 nuclear bombs under NATO agreement.

Only one nuclear war head can cause killing of millions of people in case that it is exploded on a large city. Additionally pthe data given by scientests shows that there is no possiblity of humanitarian response to any nuclear weapon use. Because in case of a nuclear weapon use most of the hospitals will be demolished and there will be no medical personnel to take care of people because of radiation and heat.

Humanitarian response, particularly in case of a crisis is one of the most important issue of today. But there are situations that any kind of intervention is impossible and the leaders of the world and the global public must be aware of this fact. And one of them is any case of nuclear weapon explosion.

We, ICAN Turkey activists, call all the leaders of the world to be aware of this fact and do what is necessary. And what is necessary is that to start the negotiations of a treaty banning nuclear weapons immediately. Nuclear weapons are the only weapon of mass destruction which has not been banned through a legally binding international treaty so far. We also call Turkish government to support a process of such a treaty publicly and signing the Humanitarian Pledge which has been signed by 127 states and calling the world to fill the legal gap to ban nuclear weapons.

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