

## 2025 OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN FROM CONCERNED PEACE AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

—In observance of the 80th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings of Japan—

We, the undersigned, representing a coalition of concerned peace and civil society organizations in the United States, are advocating for the elimination of nuclear weapons globally. We join to express our profound regrets and apologies for our nation's atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Although our government has not apologized officially for this horror, we would like to extend our deepest condolences to the atomic bomb survivors (hibakusha) and descendants of hibakusha, as well as all those impacted by the U.S. nuclear testing, who have endured great mental and physical hardships for decades. May you and the generations behind you continue to heal, speak truth to power, and walk towards justice.

Given that 80 years have passed since the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and, four years since the entry-into-force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), we might have expected that the threat of nuclear annihilation would have greatly diminished by now. But that is not the case. The Doomsday Clock of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists places us at 89 seconds to midnight, the closest it has been since the launching of the clock in 1947.

Consider, for example, the many times during wars and international crises that the U.S. has prepared and threatened first strike nuclear attacks, the threat of the use of nuclear weapons by Russia in its years-long war with Ukraine, or the attacks by covertly nuclear-armed Israel on Iran since June, with no intervention by European nations or the U.S. to stop the escalating war there.

The Trump administration has also ordered an increase in the National Nuclear Security Administration's budget from \$19 billion this year to roughly \$25 billion in the 2026 fiscal year, a rise of 29%. Its intent is to modernize the nation's nuclear arsenal and "protect the American people." It is said that the weapons budget supports "a safe, secure, reliable and effective" stockpile, but we know this will only bring us closer to catastrophe whether accidentally or intentionally. The nuclear arms budget would fund work on "six simultaneous warhead modernization programs," including a nuclear sea-launched cruise missile, nuclear propulsion systems for the U.S. Navy, and upgraded nuclear sites throughout the science and production complex, none of which will make us "safe" or "secure."

Compounding this U.S. nuclear escalation, the other eight nuclear-armed nations have gone ahead with modernization of their nuclear programs. Some of the countries have added a large number of nuclear-armed bombs and missiles, are upgrading their existing weapons, and are developing newer and more lethal versions.

In addition, fourteen years since the beginning of the Fukushima-Daiichi power plant disaster, and two years after the beginning of the dumping of 1.3 million metric tons of radioactive wastewater from the nuclear site into the Pacific Ocean, U.S. President Donald Trump has signed a series of executive orders titled "Reinvigorating the Nuclear Industrial Base," "Reforming Nuclear Reactor Testing at the Department of Energy," and "Ordering the Reform of the Nuclear

Regulatory Commission,” with the goal of "re-establishing the United States as the global leader in nuclear energy.” Ignoring the enormous mental and radioactive harm done to the hibakusha who survived Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and to the Indigenous Peoples in the Pacific and the United States caused by nuclear testing and uranium activities, the United States now proposes to vastly increase the possibility of nuclear disaster through new nuclear reactors. The use of nuclear technology - whether military or civilian - comes with enormous risks and incalculable consequences; it is not a solution to our world’s climate crisis, it undermines democracy, and it is not economically viable. Effective global nuclear disarmament will not be possible as long as we continue to allow the commercial use of plutonium and highly enriched uranium.

We, the signers of this letter, are deeply ashamed of the actions of the United States and other nuclear-armed nations (including Israel) who continue to increase the likelihood of a nuclear-powered disaster, either through nuclear war or as a result of disasters at nuclear sites.

The only alternative to such catastrophes is that we come together, as we do outside the Japanese Consulate in New York City, to recall and repent for the U.S. crimes against humanity that were the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to demand that all nuclear weapons manufacturing plants be shut down and all nuclear weapons be abolished. All people must know of this horrific history and do all in our power to end the increasing threat of worse nuclear catastrophes in the months and years to come.

NO MORE HIROSHIMA  
NO MORE NAGASAKI  
NO MORE FUKUSHIMA  
NO MORE WAR  
NO MORE HIBAKUSHA  
NEVER AGAIN!

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