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Dear Mr. Ban Ki Moon,
Secretary General,
The United Nations

First of all, let me express my sincere gratitude and respect to you for making various efforts as the representative of the United Nations to tackle international conflicts and large-scale natural disasters that are occurring every once in a while. As a NPT review conference is to be held in May this year, I hereby sincerely request that you make further efforts to eliminate nuclear arms.

A request for strengthening and promoting arrangements to eliminate nuclear arms

In 1945 two nuclear bombs were dropped on to Hiroshima City and Nagasaki City respectively. By the end of the year, over 200 thousand citizens in both cities died suffering from aftereffects. It has been 65 years since then, and still there are a lot of people suffering.

International communities, under the auspices of the United Nations, have earnestly and sincerely had dialogues and comprehensively made arrangements for nuclear abolition. As the sole victim of nuclear bombing, Japan has made efforts to fulfill its responsibility by continuously conducting schemes to this cause in liaison with relevant authorities on national, local and private levels.

Meguro City, aiming to build an eternal peace with cooperation from people all over the world, made on May 3 1985, the "Meguro Peaceful City Declaration," declaring itself as a city which is free from nuclear weapons and supports the peaceful Constitution of Japan. Our city has made various arrangements to the cause.

Yet, more than 20 thousand nuclear bombs are still stored in some nuclear powers, there seems to be a long way before abolishing nuclear weapons. In the midst of such situation, U.S. president Barak Obama made a historical speech at Hradčany Square, Prague, Czech Republic, in April 2009. He said, "as the only nuclear power to have used a nuclear weapon, the United States has a moral responsibility to act," and made a resolution saying "I state clearly and with conviction America's commitment to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapon." Since then he has started his actions energetically.

We strongly believe that using nuclear weapons is "a crime against humanity" and human beings can not live with them. It is obvious that most global citizens and nations all over the world also hope to realize early abolition of nuclear weapons.

As the average age of bomb survivors is over 75, we international communities share an obligation to realize the world without nuclear weapons while such survivors are alive.

I believe that, at the NPT review conference in May, international communities should make the best of their wisdom to clear a road to concrete steps so that would make us feel nuclear abolition can be achievable.

Based on the fact that a model nuclear disarmament treaty was prepared by an NGO and submitted to the United Nations more than 10 years ago, you have been repeatedly calling for a serious deliberation to such a treaty.

As the chief executive of a local autonomy in a country that has experienced a nuclear bombing, I strongly request you make the maximum efforts so that the NPT review conference will achieve substantial results that will lead a new step forward to a peaceful world without nuclear weapons.

Sincerely Yours,

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