

Mr. Barack F. Obama
President of the United States of America

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We Protest against the Nuclear Test Using the Z Machine

Dear Mr. President,

According to the report of the National Nuclear Security Administration within the Department of Energy, nuclear test, using powerful X-ray emissions was conducted between July and September 2011. Similar tests were also held in November 2010 and last March. They collected data from plutonium materials under extreme pressures and temperatures by irradiating them with powerful X-ray emissions created by the “Z machine”.

In August 1945, we were attacked with the first atomic bombs in history in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Bearing the scars incurred deep in our body and mind, with the strong determination to prevent any more Hibakusha to be created again, we have appealed to the world to eliminate nuclear weapons immediately.

Despite your call for bringing a “world without nuclear weapons” into reality in the Prague speech, the recent nuclear tests show the U.S. intention to continue to maintain and strengthen its nuclear deterrence. We the Hibakusha firmly reject to accept these attempts.

We demand that you take the following measures:

1) To sincerely accept the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, which determined that “the use and threat of use of nuclear weapons are contrary to international law,” and permanently abandon all plans of subcritical nuclear tests.

2) To accomplish a “world without nuclear weapons” in accordance with your call in Prague, April 2009.

3) To immediately start multilateral negotiations for concluding an international treaty to abolish nuclear weapons.

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