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His Excellency Mr. Barack Hussein Obama  
President of the United States of America

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Dear Mr. President,

**The United States should stop urging its allies to oppose the resolution “Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations” at the First Committee of the UN General Assembly. It’s time for the US to summon the courage to act toward a world without nuclear weapons.**

According to reports, the US government has asked its allies, in a letter to the NATO member states dated on October 17th, to oppose, not to abstain from, the UN resolution for multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations being put forward by non-nuclear weapons states, including Mexico and Austria, and to not participate in such negotiations if the resolution does pass and the disarmament talks begin. The letter states that a nuclear disarmament treaty could undermine the longstanding strategy that has supported the post WWII security regime and emphasizes that the deterrence based on appropriate combination of nuclear and conventional weapons and missile defense capabilities is at the core of the NATO strategy.

Mr. President, on May 27th this year, you visited Hiroshima, the city that suffered the catastrophic disaster for the first time in human history, of the only nation that has been attacked by nuclear weapons in war, and spoke before the memorial monument near ground zero. You said, “nations and the alliances that we’ve formed must possess the means to defend ourselves. But among those nations like my own that hold nuclear stockpiles, we must have the courage to escape the logic of fear, and pursue a world without them.”

Now, Mr. President, when a majority of world’s nations is coming together in trying hard to find ways and means to achieve such a world, to urge your allies to oppose a resolution aiming just at that by brandishing the “logic of fear” is tantamount to a double-tongued diplomacy and it must not be overlooked unchallenged.

The brutal, inhumane experience is indelibly carved into the body and soul of we, Hibakusha, and they cry out for “No More Hibakusha,” never again the use of nuclear

weapons on earth. It is our strongest hope that you will summon the courage, as the president of the only nation in the world that has used the weapons of indiscriminate, mass destruction weapons, in pursuing a world without such weapons.

Yours Sincerely,

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