

## **We Strongly Protest the Subcritical Nuclear Test by the United States**

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According to the press, the United States conducted its third subcritical nuclear test last November under the Trump administration. The Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations, a nation-wide group of atomic bomb survivors in Japan that has been calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons since 1956, strongly protests the outrageous act by the Trump administration.

In July 2017, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted by a majority of the member states of the United Nations. The treaty will enter into force on the 22nd of this month, 90 days after the fiftieth country officially submitted its ratification in October last year. Article 1 of the treaty prohibits nuclear testing: regardless of whether a country is a signatory or not, such conduct will become illegal. This reckless act against the global trend of making progress toward a world without nuclear weapons can never be condoned.

Today, the 46<sup>th</sup> President was sworn into office in the United States. At this important juncture, we urge the U.S. to spearhead initiatives that heed the voice of the world calling for the prohibition and abolition of nuclear weapons.

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