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Statement

Vehement Protest Against President Trump's Declaration to Conduct Nuclear Tests

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Today, U.S. President Donald Trump revealed on his social media platform that he has instructed the Department of Defense to carry out nuclear testing.

The Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo), which has long devoted itself to realizing a world free of nuclear weapons, strongly condemns President Trump's statement.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force in January 2021. To date, 95 countries have signed the treaty, and 74 have ratified or acceded to it. A majority of the world's nations are now participating in this treaty, steadily advancing toward a world without nuclear weapons.

The United States not only refuses to support this treaty but by forcibly conducting nuclear testing in violation of its disarmament obligations under Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)—to which it is a party—it also acts in direct opposition to the global movement for peace and nuclear disarmament. Such actions cannot be tolerated.

We strongly urge the United States to respond without delay to the global call for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons, and to take the lead in this effort.