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### Protest Against President Trump's Outrageous Actions Toward Venezuela

The world has been shocked by reports that under the orders of U.S. President Trump, the U.S. military sank several ships last December on the pretext of preventing drug smuggling and then launched military operations on January 3rd, including an attack on the capital, Caracas, to capture Venezuelan President Maduro. These acts are outrageous and disregard both the UN Charter and international law.

Even if a nation's president is committing crimes against humanity, the above actions constitute a violation of the United Nations Charter. If this is permitted, we fear that this opens the door to powerful nations taking military action against other countries without hesitation solely in pursuit of their own interests.

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia, a nuclear-armed state, and the conflict in Gaza involving Israel, which is also believed to possess nuclear weapons, are examples of this already taking place. If nuclear-armed states continue to use nuclear threats or seize national sovereignty, the risk of nuclear weapons being used is likely to increase. We cannot, under any circumstances, tolerate reckless behavior by nuclear-armed states.

We strongly protest to the Government of the United States to ensure that this outrageous act does not further worsen the global situation or escalate into the use of nuclear weapons. The international community must raise its voice in condemnation of acts that destroy world order by force.

Furthermore, we call on the Japanese government to unequivocally express its intention to protest, stating that it should not fall in line with the United States but, as a peaceful nation, seek solutions through dialogue rather than the use of force.

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