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【NAM】 Japan AALA urged NA countries to ratify the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty

Japan AALA sent following message to Non Aligned Nations to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

On behalf of Japan Asia-Africa-Latin America Solidarity Committee (Japan AALA), I am writing this message to your respectful government of Non Aligned Nations to make additional effort for nuclear disarmament, in particular to bring the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons into effect as early as possible. Since Japan AALA think that it is the most important international political issue at present, as a member of the secretariat of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (AAPSO), which is qualified to be an observer of the Summit Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement.

In July 2017, the Treaty was adopted by the support of 122 nations, and people all over the world welcomed it as the major step towards abolition of nuclear weapons. Significant contributions made by non-aligned nations to the adoption of the Treaty gave great encouragement to us, since we had been collaborating with Hibakusha, the atomic bomb victims, in our movements.

It was the Non-Aligned Summit Meeting held at Harare in Zimbabwe that gave immediate response to the "Appeal from Tokyo to the World" made at the World Congress against A & H Bombs held in August 1986 in Tokyo titled "Appeal to all mankind to prevent nuclear war and abandon nuclear weapons immediately". The response was addressed to clamoring voices from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, stating "Time has come to regain humanity. It is the right time to reverse the order, giving priority to life and development, not to death and destruction". This statement truly inherited wishes of the founders of the Non-Aligned Movements.

The nature of the nuclear weapon stays unchanged between now and then. The recent significant change is the raising of the international public opinion protesting against handful nuclear powers that play on lives of mankind, and resulted in the adoption of the Treaty. Now it is a common desire to have the Treaty activated as soon as possible.

Contrary to such developments, we are concerned about the information that nuclear powers are maneuvering resistance and interference to hinder signature and ratification

of the Treaty. So far number of nations that ratified the Treaty is limited to 14. It is Japan AALA's sincere request to non-allied nations to stand on the consistent origin of nuclear abolition, overcome all obstacles and continue effort toward ratification of the Treaty.

Let's fight together to realize the peaceful world without nuclear weapons.

Yours sincerely

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