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His Excellency Mr. Rahm Emanuel
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Embassy of the United States of America in Japan

Letter of Protest Against the Subcritical Nuclear Experiment by Your Country

Sakura City in Chiba Prefecture has declared itself a city of peace by enacting "The City Ordinance on the Basics of Sakura City Peace Administration," wishing for the abolition of all nuclear weapons and the realization of eternal world peace.

It has been brought to our attention that your country conducted subcritical nuclear tests in June and September 2021.

We, the citizens of Sakura City, strictly protest these subcritical nuclear tests.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, adopted by the United Nations, entered into force in January 2021, and the international community is striving to realize "a world without nuclear weapons." Conducting such a nuclear test is against the efforts toward nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation in global society.

It is also a significant loss of trust in your country at a time when Russia's invasion of Ukraine is threatening international peace and order.

I hereby strongly demand that the United States of America discontinue planning or carrying out any nuclear tests in the future, and lead the way toward the realization of a "world without nuclear weapons."

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Mayor of Sakura City