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His Excellency Mr. John V. Roos
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Embassy of the United States of America in Japan

Letter of Protest Against Your Nation's Subcritical Nuclear Test

The city of Sakura in Chiba Prefecture, eagerly desiring the total abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of eternal world peace, declared our city to be a "city of peace" in the city ordinance.

President Obama's Prague speech outlining his vision of "a world without nuclear weapons" aroused great expectations not only in our nation's atomic bomb survivors, but also among Sakura's citizens and the great majority of the world's citizens. We strongly desire that nuclear weapons be totally abolished.

Despite President Obama's vision and our sincere wish for peace, we learned today that your country conducted a subcritical nuclear test on December 5th. The fact that the subcritical nuclear test was repeatedly carried out following the one in February 2011 betrayed the expectations and hopes of people around the world who seek a nuclear-weapon-free-world. Such actions are utterly deplorable.

These tests can be taken as evidence that the U.S. intends to maintain its nuclear stockpile indefinitely. The tests may also contribute to new nuclear weapons development. Moreover, such tests run counter to the spirit of CTBT, which President Obama is reportedly working to ratify.

The test is completely unacceptable, and I strongly protest against the action of the United States.

I hereby demand that the United States addresses nuclear disarmament in earnest and begins negotiating now for the earliest possible realization of "a world without nuclear weapons".

Mayor of Sakura City



Kazuo Warabi