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Letter of Protest Against Your Nation's New Type of 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 that your country conducted a new type of nuclear test between April and June this year. This fact is utterly deplorable because such actions are betrayal of the expectations and hopes of many people around the world who seek a nuclear-weapon-free-world.

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

The test is completely unacceptable, and I, as mayor of Sakura City, strongly protest against this new type test conducted by the United States.

I hereby demand that the United States address nuclear disarmament in earnest and strive for the earliest possible realization of "a world without nuclear weapons."



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