

His Excellency Mr. Joseph R. Biden Jr.

President

The United States of America

Letter of Protest

It was revealed that your country conducted subcritical nuclear tests at the experimental site in the State of Nevada in June and September last year.

The ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine continues to fuel the idea that military forces are the only way to suppress violence committed by military forces. The fact that your country has conducted these tests demonstrates a firm determination to modernize US nuclear forces. Nuclear tests of any kind are utterly unacceptable as they betray the wishes of the *hibakusha* and millions of others who seek the abolition of these weapons.

Your act tramples on the feelings of people from all over the world striving for eradication of nuclear weapons and the establishment of eternal peace. As the only nation in the world which has suffered from atomic bombings, our country holds three antinuclear principles as a part of our national policy, and has been demanding the eradication of nuclear weapons.

Therefore, based on the principle of “Higashimurayama Peace Declaration for Abolition of Nuclear Weapons” which earnestly wishes for eradication of nuclear weapons and the world’s eternal peace, Higashimurayama City strongly demands your country should dismantle its nuclear weapons and should discontinue developing nuclear experiments on a permanent basis. Higashimurayama City vehemently protests against your country.

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