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Dear citizens of the friendship city Menasha

We are members of New Japan Women's Association in the city of Maebashi, Gunma prefecture, Japan. The New Japan Women's Association (NJWA/Shinfujin) is a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Having 200,000 membership and 300,000 readers for its weekly organ paper all over Japan, Shinfujin since its founding in 1962 has been working for the abolition of nuclear weapons, against the adverse revision of the Constitution, as well as to prevent the revival of militarism, to advance the status of women, and to promote solidarity of women worldwide.

Being an organization which places nuclear abolition on top of its agenda, Shinfujin has been active in signature drives carried out internationally for the appeals issued by the World Conference against Atomic & Hydrogen Bombs on different occasions. The Appeal from Hiroshima and Nagasaki launched in 1985 were signed by 60 million Japanese people and submitted to the UN in 2000. Of those signatures, Shinfujin members collected 10 million.

Today, a call for a Nuclear-Free World is being heard from broad sections of people irrespective of differences in belief and position, including the former high officials of the government of the United States. President Obama also stated America's commitment to take concrete steps toward a world without nuclear weapons. Toward the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in 2010, efforts have started to get an international treaty to outlaw nuclear weapons concluded, as the way to make a nuclear-free world reality. The 2008 World Conference against A & H Bombs issued an appeal under joint signature by the representatives from different countries, calling on

Toward the 2010 NPT Review Conference Appeal for a Nuclear Weapon-Free World

Even now, in the 21st Century, world peace and security are still threatened by 26,000 nuclear weapons.

As the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki show us, nuclear weapons instantly destroy countless lives, torment people in future generations, and ruin civilizations.

The Hibakusha, the A-bomb survivors, continue to warn that humanity cannot coexist with nuclear weapons. Never again should we create more victims of nuclear weapons.

For the survival of the human race and for the future of our children, let us achieve a world free of nuclear weapons through our actions in solidarity.

Toward the 2010 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference, the nuclear weapons states are called to honor the "unequivocal undertaking" of May 2000 to eliminate their nuclear weapons.

We call on the nuclear weapons states and all other governments to agree to commence and conclude negotiations of a treaty, a nuclear weapons convention, to ban and eliminate nuclear weapons without delay.

Name	Address	Signature

This Appeal was issued on August 6, 2008, by the representatives of the peace movement assembled in Hiroshima from around the world. The signature drive is under way worldwide, and the petitions will be presented to the next NPT Review Conference to be held in Spring 2010 in New York.

Send your signatures to: Japan Council against A & H Bombs, 2-4-4 Yushima, Bunkyo-ku, 113-8464 Tokyo, Japan. Email: antiatom@topaz.plala.or.jp <http://www10.plala.or.jp/antiatom/en/index.html>

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