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Dear friends of peace from Japan and worldwide, dear recalcitrant.

We will not stop saying again and again what has already been said a thousand times: Either we abolish nuclear weapons or one day nuclear weapons will extinguish human life (and not only this one) on planet Earth. The Doomsday Clock, which stands 90 seconds from 12 is a reminder and warning to us.

In this situation, which has become so dramatically acute worldwide

- With the illegal war of Russia in the Ukraine which is also a proxy war of NATO against Russia.
- With the escalating danger of war in the South China Sea and on the Korean Peninsula
- With (according to SIPRI figures) 55 wars all over the world
- With global arms spending of more than \$2.2 trillion while 1 billion people go to bed hungry every day

we unmistakably and repeatedly advocate for a world free of all nuclear weapons. We demand from Russia and the U.S. the immediate resumption of arms control negotiations that will lead to a further reduction of nuclear weapons and avert the so-called modernization of nuclear weapons. We need again a global arms control system as a step towards global nuclear disarmament and not even more effective, smaller nuclear weapons.

Indispensable the ratification of the nuclear weapons prohibition treaty by more states of this earth!

All this can only be achieved politically if the policy of confrontation is replaced by a policy of common security in which the security interests of all states are taken into account on an equal footing.

What we want is nuclear disarmament everywhere and not a double standard in which the other party is always supposed to disarm but my country continues to arm without restraint:

- Wherever there are nuclear weapons, they must at least be withdrawn from foreign countries! No to nuclear sharing in Germany, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy and Belarus and no US nuclear weapons in Turkey.
- More nuclear weapons free zones and states, be it on the Korean peninsula or in Europe.
- And today especially currently no use of "Critical Intelligence (AI)" for the development of new technologically even more diabolical nuclear weapons.

We know that if we rely on the policies of those who govern all, we are abandoned.

Without the commitment of the peace movement worldwide and in each individual country, without the tireless efforts of hundreds of thousands and even millions of peace activists, we will not achieve our great vision, our goal of ridding this blue planet of the cruelest weapons in human history.

The motivating commitment of the Japanese peace movement is an example and an incentive for us. We have many partners in large social organizations all over the world, in parliaments and political parties and in many governments, especially in the Global South - together with them we will work more intensively for the great common goal - no nuclear weapons anywhere.

Therefore, here and today "Never again Hiroshima, never again Nagasaki" means only a world without nuclear weapons can be a world of global justice without war!

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