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**We demand the withdrawal of the U.S. Nuclear Posture Review
2018,
and of the supportive statement of Taro Kono, Minister
of Foreign Affairs of Japan.**

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The Trump Administration of the United States has made public on 2nd February its Nuclear Posture Review. Its contents reject the Nuclear Posture Review 2010 by the Obama Administration. It simply takes us back in history to the Cold War period, with its posture unacceptable today.

Among other problems, it declares that the United States will develop low-yield nuclear warhead and will posture nuclear capability including to hedge against conventional attack. This will only accelerate the world-wide nuclear arms-race and will induce possible nuclear attacks by adversaries. Such position is inconsistent with the US position which demands other nations to renounce to develop nuclear armament.

This new policy is a direct negation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons adopted at the United Nations Headquarters last year. It also violates, as a member, the commitment to pursue negotiation in good faith to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early stage and to nuclear disarmament provided in the Treaty of the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

The effect of radioactivity by the use of nuclear weapons will spread all-over the world even if they are low-yield and any nuclear conflict will make it impossible to build a stable peace. What we need today is just to prohibit the use and threat of use of nuclear weapons of any kind, under any possible circumstances.

The statement by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Taro Kono of Japan, who expressed his “high appreciation” towards the United States Nuclear Posture Review 2018 is contrary to the will of the Japanese people who have been united around the nuclear victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, demanding the total abolition of nuclear weapons since the nuclear tragedies of the two cities. It is a denial to the annual messages of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe himself to the Peace Memorial Ceremonies in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August, and to his own speech in front of the Cenotaph at the occasion of the Hiroshima visit of President Barack Obama.

We, the Committee of Seven to Appeal for World Peace, declare our dissent to the Trump and Abe Administrations, and demand the withdrawal of the U.S. Nuclear Posture Review 2018, and of the supportive statement of Kono, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

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