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**Wishing for the success of the US-DPRK Summit Talk  
and hoping a contribution from Japan**

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We, the Committee of Seven to Appeal for World Peace, express our hope for a successful Meeting between Donald Trump, President of the United States of America and Kim Jong-un, Chairman of the Workers' Party of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). We express, on this occasion, our appreciation towards the efforts to stabilize the Korean Peninsula of Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea, who paved a way to this Meeting.

The Committee of Seven has wished the building of a peaceful and stable Korea in spite of the escalation of mutual pressures between the two Parties, USA and DPRK. The US pressure on the DPRK was told to be a means to bring the DPRK to the negotiation table, and when such signs became visible, the Trump Administration decided to follow prior hidden negotiations and engage in an official bi-lateral talk with the DPRK.

In spite of this positive development, Premier Shinzo Abe continues to insist on the necessity of strengthening international pressure on the DPRK, and Taro Kono, Foreign Minister, declared in his public speech delivered in 31 March that the DPRK "was preparing another nuclear test", and could not answer the US

remark he received, that the nuclear site activities of the DPRK had decreased, and was halted on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. We ask the Government of Japan to join the international public opinion to support peace and stability in the DPRK and US relations.

The Committee of Seven supports the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. We believe that to become a reality, this will have to be a part of the continued and irreversible efforts of the nuclear States, including the United States of America, to decrease their nuclear capacities following the Article 6 in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, accompanied by the renunciation of Japan's reliance on the extended nuclear deterrence of the United States of America. Unless these conditions are fulfilled, it is difficult to hope that the situation in the Korean Peninsula can improve within the global situation of peace and stability. This is why, we already made public our objection about the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review of the United States. There are hawks, in the USA, in the DPRK and in Japan, and the obstacles they will pose against any attempt to build peace and stability will have to be overcome. To develop, in spite of all the obstacles, in the Korean Peninsula and in the whole world, processes to abolition of nuclear weapons, will reduce the mutual mistrust among conflicting States and increase the conditions for mutual trust among them. This will, thus, reduce and dissolve the present perilous tensions among nuclear States, locally and globally.

Bearing in mind the above points, the Committee of Seven expresses its heartfelt wishes that Premier Abe, not objecting to the positive direction of the negotiation of President Trump with the DPRK, will encourage him to seek a stable peace, on the occasion of the forthcoming Japan-US Talks. Japan itself should contribute actively to the promotion of peace and stability in East Asia as well as in the whole world. This will undoubtedly build the diplomatic power of Japan and enable it to solve other national issues, thanks to the positive climates it initiates.

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