

Comment by the Mayor of Hiroshima
regarding the US President's statement to withdraw from the INF Treaty

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We have received news that the United States announced on October 20th its intention to withdraw from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty.

The INF is a landmark agreement wherein the United States and USSR promised to put a halt to the nuclear arms race during the Cold War and take actions to reduce their nuclear arsenals. The hibakusha and other civil society members sincerely hope and expect that the two countries will ensure further implementation of the treaty and lead initiatives to accelerate global nuclear disarmament.

We urge the US and Russia to reaffirm their responsibility as signatories of the NPT to pursue effective measures on disarmament and make efforts to comply with the treaty based on reason.