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His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong-Un
First Chairman of the National Defense Commission
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Letter of Protest

As exemplified by our initiatives for the abolition of nuclear weapons by the year 2020, Mayors for Peace has worked long and hard with our members around the world to help as many people as possible fully share our *hibakusha* experience and their wish for peace, then forge the strong will required to eliminate nuclear weapons. Despite our efforts, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea conducted a nuclear test.

We are outraged by your callous trampling on our *hibakusha*'s wish for peace, which was born from their pain and sorrow.

Following on the heels of your recent missile test, this act by your country throws cold water on the sincere efforts of the international community to eliminate nuclear weapons and could give other nuclear-armed countries and those seeking nuclear capabilities an excuse to accelerate their nuclear programs. We deeply fear that your actions have done serious harm to world peace and stability.

We once again demand that your country immediately abandon nuclear weapons and all programs related to their development.

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