



## Mayors for Peace

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His Excellency Mr. Barack Obama  
President  
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### Letter of Protest

Your country has announced that another test of the Z-Machine involving plutonium was conducted sometime between July and September this year at a research facility in New Mexico.

These repeated Z-Machine and subcritical tests indicate that the United States intends to cling to its nuclear stockpile indefinitely, and such actions are completely unacceptable. They have betrayed the hopes of the survivors of the bombing and the millions of others who seek the elimination of nuclear weapons, and also arouse suspicion regarding your commitment to a world without nuclear weapons, which you expressed in your 2009 Prague speech. On behalf of the A-bombed city of Hiroshima and over 5,700 member cities of Mayors for Peace, I vehemently protest.

This June, you again demonstrated your commitment to nuclear disarmament by inviting Russia to start negotiations regarding further reduction of nuclear weapons, and thus you are obliged to lead your country to become a model of nuclear disarmament. Nonetheless, you continue to conduct nuclear tests and I feel strong indignation. I urge you to stop betraying our hopes. Please contemplate the agonizing experience of the *hibakusha*, understand their sincere wish for peace, and strive for the earliest possible realization of a world free from nuclear weapons.

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