



## Mayors for Peace

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His Excellency Mr. Kim Jong-Un  
Chairman of the State Affairs Commission  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

### Letter of Protest

Today we learned that your country conducted a nuclear test for the fifth time, despite the international community's strong call for self-restraint. This is the second test within less than one year, and throughout this period you repeatedly launched ballistic missiles. These provocations by your country are callously trampling on our *hibakusha*'s ardent wish for peace, which is embodied in their message; "No one else should ever suffer as we have." I am outraged at your unacceptable deeds of violence.

At the 71<sup>st</sup> United Nations General Assembly, which will open on the 13<sup>th</sup> of next week, the start of negotiations in 2017 on a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons is planned to be discussed. Your nuclear test, conducted at a moment of increasing anticipation of new momentum for a world without nuclear weapons, is an overt challenge to the international community which has been working in earnest towards nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. It shall not be tolerated. On behalf of the A-bombed city of Hiroshima and over 7,100 Mayors for Peace member cities around the world, I once again vehemently protest.

I demand anew, in the strongest possible terms, that your country immediately abandon all nuclear weapons and their development programs, and engage in a diplomatic effort through dialogue and collaboration with the international community.

MATSUI Kazumi  
Mayor of Hiroshima  
President of Mayors for Peace