



## Mayors for Peace

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His Excellency Mr. Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President  
The United States of America

### Letter of Protest

It has come to light that your country executed a subcritical nuclear test at the Nevada Test Site on May 14.

The fact that the United States executed this test demonstrates your country's intention to cling to its nuclear stockpile indefinitely. This action clearly runs counter to the message expressed in the Hiroshima Vision on Nuclear Disarmament which was issued by the U.S. and other G7 leaders at the G7 Hiroshima Summit last May.

Such a conduct betrays the wishes of the many people around the world who seek the abolition of nuclear weapons. On behalf of the atomic-bombed city of Hiroshima and Mayors for Peace with over 8,300 member cities globally, I vehemently protest and demand that all future nuclear tests be cancelled.

I strongly urge the United States to reflect deeply on the horrific realities of what a single atomic bomb did to Hiroshima and the tragic experiences of the *hibakusha*. Share in the Spirit of Hiroshima, the will for peace, and lead the international community's initiatives for nuclear disarmament, as well as make reasonable efforts for a truly peaceful world free of nuclear weapons.

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