

February 12, 2019

His Excellency Mr. Heiko Maas  
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Federal Republic of Germany

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Through the visits to our cities, we would like for you to deepen your understanding of the actual damage wrought by a single atomic bomb and the *hibakusha*'s ardent wish for peace. We also sincerely hope that you will share the recognition that a world without nuclear weapons is our common goal, and take actions towards the abolition of nuclear weapons with reason and insight as we call on all world leaders.

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In closing, we offer our best wishes for your health and every success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

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