H.E. Mr. Donald Trump President of the United States of America

Dear Mr. President.

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits.

We have become aware that the U.S. and Japanese governments are making arrangements for you to visit Japan in conjunction with the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit that will be held in South Korea starting October 31, 2025.

Although we have already made a joint request for your visit to the atomic-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in January of this year, should your visit to Japan become certain, we would like to reiterate our request and ask you to seize this opportunity to visit our cities.

Eighty years have passed since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the end of World War II, and today we are seeing deepening confrontation and divisions among the international community, as warfare continues in various parts of the world. This critical situation has greatly shaken the humanitarian norm in the international community that "nuclear weapons must never be used," heightening the risk of another nuclear weapon being used.

All the while, the atomic bomb survivors, or *hibakusha*, have continued to share their traumatic experiences and advocate for the abolition of nuclear weapons, resolving never to allow anyone to go through the same suffering. However, their average age has now surpassed 86. We are inching closer and closer to an era where *hibakusha* are no longer with us.

At this critical juncture for humanity, we would like to ask you, the President of a nuclear superpower, to visit the atomic-bombed cities, listen to the voices of the *hibakusha*, and take to heart what unfolded under the mushroom cloud as well as the inhumane consequences brought on by the use of nuclear weapons.

Through this experience, we hope that you will strengthen your conviction that nuclear weapons must never be used, and share with the world your unwavering commitment towards a world without nuclear weapons as you stand in cities devastated by atomic bombings. We believe that this would become a powerful force to rebuild international momentum towards the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Furthermore, we have high expectations that you will demonstrate your leadership at the next year's Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) by showing a concrete pathway towards the abolition of nuclear weapons.

In closing, please allow us to express our heartfelt wishes for your continued success in your endeavors and your good health.

Respectfully,

MATSUI Kazumi Mayor The City of Hiroshima SUZUKI Shiro Mayor The City of Nagasaki