

February 13, 2019

His Excellency Mr. Ernesto Araújo
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Federative Republic of Brazil

Request for your visit to the A-bombed cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

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We would like to express our sincere respect to your country for leading the international community and playing a crucial role in the abolition of nuclear weapons through actions such as signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

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