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United Nations Secretary-General
Mr Ban Ki-moon

**Petition from Mayors of Japan Local Authorities in Support of a
Northeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon Free Zone**

**(On behalf of 543 Mayors of Local Authorities, and 2 organizations:
the National Council of Japan Nuclear Free Local Authorities and Mayors for Peace)**

In order to realize a “world free of nuclear weapons,” all countries have a responsibility to set out security policies which do not rely on nuclear weapons. A Northeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon Free Zone (NEA-NWFZ) would provide this path for Japan, the Republic of Korea and other related countries in Northeast Asia.

We strongly support the groundbreaking recommendation made in the report on the work of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters that “the Secretary-General should also consider appropriate action for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in North-East Asia,” and call on you to take steps to concretely realize this recommendation.

We submit this petition to convey to the Secretary-General the strong will of Mayors of Japanese Local Authorities for the concept of a NEA-NWFZ to be presented. This is signed by 543 Mayors, comprising 30% of all local authorities in Japan, and two organizations. This includes Mayors from 15 prefectural capitals, namely, Nagasaki, Hiroshima, Yamagata, Gunma, Ibaraki, Niigata, Kyoto, Nara, Tottori, Yamaguchi, Kagawa, Kochi, Miyazaki, Kagoshima and Okinawa.

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Statement of Support for a Northeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone

We, the undersigned, express our support for the efforts to establish a Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone in Northeast Asia (NEA-NWFZ). We believe it is an urgent and timely initiative both for strengthening the global tide toward a Nuclear Weapon Free World and for achieving regional stability and peace in Northeast Asia.

Setting the goal of achieving a NEA-NWFZ will create a new positive dimension in the on-going Six Party Talks among the Republic of Korea (ROK), Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK), Japan, China, Russia and the United States, by incorporating its goal of “verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula” (Six-nation Statement, 19 September 2005) within the broader regional vision.

Achieving a world free of nuclear weapons is an obligation not only of nuclear armed nations but of all nations, especially those whose security policy relies on a so-called nuclear umbrella. In this regards, all nations have the responsibility to find a path toward a security polity without nuclear weapons.

A NEA-NWFZ will provide such a path for relevant nations in the region, including Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK).

A realistic scheme for a NEA-NWFZ would be a 3+3 arrangement, in which the ROK, the DPRK and Japan would form the central parties of the zone and the neighboring nuclear weapon states (China, Russia and the US) would support it through the provision of security assurances, as this would build upon the 1992 Inter-Korean Joint Declaration on the Denuclearization of Korean Peninsula and Japan's Three Non-Nuclear Principles.

We call upon political leaders, both national and local, citizen groups, and individuals throughout the world, to express their support for a NEA NWFZ and to work together to realize it.

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