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Press Release:

Civil Society and Hibakusha Voices Regarding President Obama's Visit to Hiroshima

Tokyo, May 24 (Tues) and Hiroshima, May 27 (Fri)

The Japan NGO Network for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, a broad coalition of civil society groups, will hold a joint press conference in Tokyo in the leadup to President Barack Obama's upcoming visit to Hiroshima (May 24), and a symposium and press event in Hiroshima immediately following the visit (May 27).

These events will share the statements and positions of leading Japanese experts, NGO representatives and atomic bomb survivors themselves regarding the significance of this visit to Hiroshima, and the questions it poses to the Governments of both Japan and the United States.

Note: While both events will be in Japanese, English interpreters will be on standby at each venue. Separate interviews with interpretation can also be arranged with speakers and representatives, including atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, prior to or following each programme – please enquire as below.

Joint Press Conference in Tokyo

Date: May 24, 2016 (Tues)

Time: 14:00 – 15:00 (entry passes will be distributed at 1F Lobby from 13:45)

Venue: House of Councillors Members' Building (Sangiin Giin Kaikan), B101 Meeting Room

Speakers: Representatives of the Japan NGO Network for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Japan Confederation of A-Bomb and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo) (including Hibakusha), Peace Boat, Japan Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms, Japan Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo), Japan Congress Against A- and H- Bombs (Gensuikin), Peace Depot, Citizens' Nuclear Information Center (CNIC), Soka Gakkai International (SGI), Femin Womens' Democratic Club

Public Symposium and Press Event in Hiroshima

Date: May 27, 2016 (Fri)

Time: 18:00 – 20:00 (immediately following President Obama's visit)

Venue: Green Arena, Hiroshima Prefectural Sports Center, Medium Conference Hall

4-1 Motomachi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City (approx. 5 mins walk north of the A-Bomb Dome)

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For further information:

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