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On behalf of H.E President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, I wish to thank you for your letter dated June 19, 2014 regarding the 2014 World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs. On this occasion, I wish to reiterate Egypt's support for the people of Japan, as well as to confirm that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only guarantee against their use or threat of use.

In this context, it is essential that Nuclear Weapon States fully implement their obligations under article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. It is unfortunate, as well, that the shadow of nuclear detonation remains a spectre that threatens the existence of humankind despite the tremendous efforts that have been exerted to eliminate them.

Egypt has always played a role in the formation of key instruments of the non proliferation regime. It continues to strive for achieving the universality of the NPT, and Central to our objectives is the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East, and we believe that Japan's efforts in realizing this goal are paramount.