## Provisional translation

Vientiane, 29 July 2021

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, I would like to convey my warmest congratulations to the Organizing Committee and all participants in the 2021 World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs to be held on 02-09 August 2021 in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in the platform of online.

I am delighted to witness that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) entered into force on 22 January 2021, which would be implemented in a constructive manner in order to achieve a world without nuclear weapons.

I am confident that this conference will be a corner stone for participants to pave the way to further enhance the cooperation of international community as well as strengthen activities to fight against and prevent the use of atomic and hydrogen bombs in order to build the world with lasting peace, stability and free from weapons of mass destruction in the years ahead.

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, wish the 2021 World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs a great success.

(Signed)

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