

**PRESIDENT
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM**

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MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY

To: The World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs 2021

On behalf of the State and people of Vietnam and in my own name, I avail myself of this opportunity to extend our warmest greetings of friendship to all international and Japanese delegates participating in the World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs 2021.

Seventy six years having elapsed since the atomic bombing of the two cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, all sad memories of this disaster should never be allowed to be forgotten. We share the deepest sympathies with the Japanese people over their huge losses and truly hope that not any more nations will have to bear similar sufferings in the future.

Having undergone devastating consequences of wars, particularly Agent Orange / dioxin, a kind of chemical weapon causing death to millions of humans and lingering terrible damage to the environment, Vietnam is always consistent with its policy against nuclear weapons and stands among the first countries to have signed and ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. We are glad that the Treaty has officially been in full force since January 22nd, 2021. This results from not only the efforts of governments but also the strong commitment and support of international and Japanese peace movements. Currently, the world is still faced with unpredictable dangers of nuclear weapons as well as utterly complicated developments due to major powers' competition, extreme nationalism, great-powerism, and unilateral moves by major countries at such hot spots as the South China Sea/ East Sea and the East China Sea, as well as non-traditional security challenges, including climate change, epidemics, etc.

Despite all this, it is my conviction that the solidarity and cooperation of all forces of peace and progress in the world, particularly of those participating in this World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs 2021, will help build a world of peace, security, stability, development and prosperity without nuclear weapons. The Communist Party, State, people and peace movement of Vietnam will continue to join hands with you for the materialization of this objective.

I would like once more, on behalf of the State and people of Vietnam, to express our sincere and profound gratitude to the State and people of Japan, as well as peace-

loving people the world over, for their heartfelt sympathy and valuable support for Vietnam during our past struggles for national independence and reunification as well as our present efforts in national construction and development.

Allow me to convey my friendly and sincere greetings and best wishes to the people of Hiroshima, Nagasaki and all over Japan.

May I wish all participants in the Conference good health, security and happiness.

May the Conference record splendid success.

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