

July 28th, 2022

H.E. Ambassador Gustavo Zlauvinen
President-designate of the Tenth Review Conference
for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

Dear Ambassador Zlauvinen,

Addressing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference in August 2022, I would like to send a statement on behalf of Tomakomai residents.

Let me begin this statement by expressing my sincere appreciation to Ambassador Zlauvinen for deciding to open the Conference as chairperson under the circumstances of COVID-19 pandemic.

It have been for 20 years since we enacted City of Tomakomai Non-Nuclear Peace Ordinance in 2002. To date, we have been aiming for permanent peace, which is one of the fundamental principles of the Constitution of Japan, and for the world without nuclear arms based on the Three Non-Nuclear Principles, the national policy supported by the Japanese citizens.

It is very encouraging that more countries promote nuclear disarmament, however, what makes us deeply disappointed is that there still are some who continue conducting nuclear experiments and increase their arms.

We sincerely hope that the entire world reconfirm that we all walk together for nuclear disarmament through this Conference, never to repeat the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki again.

Sincerely,



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Mayor of Tomakomai City