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On the Fourth Anniversary of the Beginning of the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster

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To: Japanese Prime Minister, The Honorable Mr. Shinzō Abe:

It has been four years since the start of the Fukushima nuclear power disaster, with no end in sight. The primary focus of your government must be on mitigating this catastrophe and preventing further disasters from the Fukushima site-- and not on restarting nuclear reactors and exporting nuclear technology, which are a counterproductive diversion of financial, managerial, and regulatory resources. Further, your government has presided over yet another TEPCO cover up of illegal dumping of radiation into our shared Pacific Ocean over the past 10 months – without consequence. This is not the behavior of a civilized people.

1. We call on you to change Japan's nuclear policy and to keep all nuclear power reactors closed. We are also working for this in our own country.
2. Please expedite the stabilization of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear reactors and the removal of fuel rods from the irradiated fuel pools.
3. Stop the flow of radioactive water into our shared Pacific Ocean. The ocean extends far beyond Japan. It is owned by the entire planet and is essential to life on Earth.
4. Please do not export nuclear reactors to other countries.
5. Please fully compensate all victims of Fukushima and provide medical treatment and relocation assistance for people living in contaminated areas.
6. Stop the incineration of radioactive rubble and waste throughout Japan, which does not destroy radioactivity but simply disperses it into the air, incinerator ash, and other solid waste.
7. Hold fully accountable TEPCO and those responsible for bringing this disaster to Japan, and to the world.
8. Reverse the undemocratic and potentially fascistic "States Secrets Act," which threatens open and professional journalism, and Japan's credibility as a democracy.

People have been forced to abandon their homes and hometowns; farmers lost their farmlands and their animals. Many people will never be able to go back to their homes and businesses because of radiation contamination, for which TEPCO and government regulators are responsible.

Radiation knows no national or prefectural borders. We must not allow another nuclear disaster. We urge you to exercise your leadership to achieve the goals of these recommendations. Failure to take these actions in the coming year will leave the people of the world no recourse but to appeal to an international authority higher than the Japanese government for restitution.

With sincere regards, and hopes for a complete recovery from this tragedy,

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