

Translation
(The original in Japanese)

Comment by the Mayor of Hiroshima
regarding the US President's announcement to withdraw from the INF Treaty

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We have received news that the United States officially announced today their withdrawal from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty.

Quite recently, the Mayor of Nagasaki and I sent a letter of request to the Presidents of the United States and the Russian Federation to convey the earnest wishes of civil society, which expects to see acceleration of both governments' efforts based on this treaty. The announcement of withdrawal despite such an expectation is against the wishes of civil society, and it is not acceptable at all.

So that the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will never be repeated, and in order to respond to the wishes of civil society, we once again strongly urge the leaders of the US and Russia to continue their dialogue and efforts based on reason and not to abandon this treaty without an alternative arrangement.