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Appeal the US and North Korea to cease provocation

Japan AALA issued a statement appealing the US and North Korea to immediately cease dangerous military provocations.

Both Kim Regime of North Korea and Trump Administration of the United States must immediately cease dangerous military provocations, and start dialogue for denuclearization to stabilize risky conditions in Northeast Asia. The Japanese government should stop following the United States, and instead, demand that the US and North Korea divert existing crisis through dialogue.

North Korea, ignoring world opinion and UN resolutions, is continuing development of nuclear weapons and repeating missile launch experiments. The Trump administration, on the other hand, is taking dangerous actions to threaten North Korea by dispatching the USS Carl Vinson (CVN70) Carrier Strike Group to the region.

There is a serious concern that such military responses by both parties may develop extremely dangerous circumstances. Despite the situation, Abe administration has hailed and welcomed the Trump administration's moves and is attempting to take a role in the military actions by invoking the "New Security Laws".

Under such critical development, countries and people around the world are now expressing deep concerns and raising voices of objection. We hereby make the following requests so that unexpected military confrontation and nuclear war shall be avoided.

- ① North Korea should stop developing nuclear weapons and experimenting missile launches, and instead, seek out the way of peaceful coexistence by denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula
- ② The United States should abandon the option to exercise military power, and instead, take the path to cooperate with the international community and negotiate through diplomatic channel to tie down hands of North Korea so that the country abandon nuclear weapons and missiles, as resolved at the UN Security Council. At the same time, the United States must make efforts to renounce nuclear weapons of their own.
- ③ To establish permanent peace in the Northeast Asia, the United States and North

Korea should promptly start diplomatic negotiations to officially end the Korean War, and with every possible effort, switch the Korean Armistice Agreement to a peace treaty. To realize this end, all related countries, including Japan, should strive for diplomatic mediations.

- ④ Giving first priority to preserve peace and keep people's lives safe in the region, Prime Minister Abe should reverse its stance of supporting the US military actions and definitely call on the United States not to resort to military power. At the same time, efforts to normalize diplomatic relations between Japan and North Korea must resume, and Japan's independent sanctions beyond the framework of the Security Council resolution must be reviewed.

To avoid the risk of ultimate nuclear war, the Japan Asia-Africa-Latin American Solidarity Committee (Japan AALA) hereby propose the above items 1, 2 and 3 to the United States and North Korea through their embassies in Japan, and sincerely appeal to countries and people in the world to work together to influence both countries.

At the same time, we strictly request in particular the Japanese government to consider the fourth item.

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