



November 16, 2012

Dear members of the Hiroshima Youth Committee,

I thank you for your letter dated 6th August 2012. I wholeheartedly support the call to outlaw and eliminate nuclear weapons that the Hiroshima Youth Committee of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons launched on the occasion of 67th anniversary of the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In 2010, during my visit to your beautiful city, I toured the Peace Memorial. Words fail to convey my horror as I viewed the displays that record the suffering and permanent damaged inflicted on the citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and their cities. The tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki gave warning to mankind of the horror of nuclear weapons.

Afghanistan has always supported calls for a nuclear free world. We are gravely concerned about the continual stockpiling of nuclear weapons and nuclear proliferation. We join all peace loving people in their call for a global treaty to outlaw and eliminate these instruments of human destruction. I wish your campaign success.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Hamid Karzai", with a stylized flourish above the name.

Hamid Karzai

**Hiroshima Youth Committee
Hiroshima, Japan**