

Fukushima International Petition, Action on Uncontrolled Radioactive Discharges at Tepco's Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant

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To:

Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan Toshimitsu Motegi, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Shunichi Tanaka, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Authority (NRA)

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Urgent international petition calling for immediate action on the uncontrolled radioactive discharges at Tepco's Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant

This is clearly not an appropriate time for Japan to restart nuclear plants or export nuclear technology

• The ocean, the source of life, must not be contaminated further

We hereby petition the Japanese national government and related entities to undertake the following commitments.

- Clarify the Japanese government's responsibility concerning the radioactive discharges into the ocean. Concentrate fully on dealing with this issue, and suspend all activity aimed at restarting nuclear plants in Japan and exporting nuclear power reactors to other countries. Japan's new post-Fukushima regulatory standards do not take into account the possibility of uncontrolled radioactive releases into the ocean. Processing applications to restart nuclear plants in Japan under these conditions can result in additional uncontrolled releases and must be suspended.
- 2. Implement maximum efforts to prevent further contamination of the ocean. Install tanks for the storage of the contaminated water that are more robust and sustainable in order to prevent leakage. Deliberate discharge of the contents of the radioactive water in tanks into the ocean absolutely must not be permitted.
- 3. Bring together the combined wisdom of independent experts with no vested interests from within Japan and internationally (i.e. domestic and international independent expertise) and ensure its practical implementation.
- 4. Ensure transparency. Make all government meetings concerning this issue public, including the meetings of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry's Radioactive Contamination Discharges Countermeasures Committee.

Immediately hold a public assessment of the proposed ice wall strategy.

5. Retract Prime Minister Abe's following statements made at the International Olympic Commission (IOC): "The situation is under control." "The effects of the [radioactive] discharges are completely blocked within the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant's harbor."

The deadline for this petition has been extended to 31 December 2013.

Signatures submitted to the Japanese government on 2 October came from 113 countries and totaled 10,394 (9,935 individuals and 459 organizations.) Japanese signatures totaled 8,964 (8,799 individuals and 165 organizations.)

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