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Open Letter of Protest Concerning the U.S. Military Strike on Iranian Nuclear Facilities and Remarks by President Donald J. Trump

To: President Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America

As Christians living in Japan, we express our deep concern and strong protest against the U.S. military strike on Iranian nuclear-related facilities, which was announced this morning (the night of June 21, Eastern Time), as well as your public remarks in connection with the event.

In your address, you warned: “Remember, there are many targets left.” You went on to declare: “There will be either peace or there will be tragedy for Iran.” These statements do not open the way for peace. Rather, they fuel fear, shut down dialogue, and escalate tensions with dangerous consequences—not only for Iran, but for the entire world.

As members of a faith community in Japan, the only country to have experienced nuclear attacks during wartime, we are deeply aware of the immense harm and suffering that radiological violence can bring. Attacking nuclear-related sites is not a tactical decision—it risks wide-scale humanitarian catastrophe and long-term environmental damage.

We call upon you to halt all military actions involving nuclear-related facilities, to refrain from sensational and threatening rhetoric, and to engage seriously and sincerely in diplomatic efforts to resolve conflicts. We stand for life, dignity, and peace. And we urge you to do the same.

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