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Protest Against the U.S. Attack on Venezuela and

A Renewed Commitment to Walk the Path of Nonviolence Toward Peace

The National Christian Council in Japan strongly protests, with deep indignation, the military attack carried out by the United States against Venezuela. This attack has taken the lives of many people. President Donald Trump has not only sought to justify this assault, but has also threatened the possibility of launching further attacks should Venezuela fail to comply with U.S. demands, and has even stated that the United States would "run" Venezuela.

Such statements and actions serve to legitimize rule by force and military invasion taking place in Ukraine, Gaza, Myanmar, and other parts of the world, further expanding the vicious cycle of violence. We resolutely reject the continued sacrifice of human lives for the sake of political calculations.

We also express our deep disappointment and grave concern toward Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, who has continued to maintain an ambiguous stance in the face of this serious situation. From the standpoint of protecting human life and upholding international law, we strongly urge Prime Minister Takaichi and the Government of Japan to clearly oppose the use of military force.

As we move into 2026, we reaffirm our commitment to resist the growing tendency to tacitly accept military solutions as a "realistic" option, and to continue walking the path of nonviolence and reconciliation shown by Jesus Christ. Standing in solidarity with those who confront violence in many parts of the world, we hereby once again declare our determination to work and pray for peace through nonviolence.

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