

**Japan Medical Association**

**Resolution on the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons**

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Looking back on the past 10 to 20 years, the escalation of regional conflict in various parts of the world and terrorism has taken many lives and destroyed civil life. Even today there is no visible resolution to this trend. Therefore, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is a common concern of all the peoples of the world.

We have also witnessed recently the further development and repeated testing of nuclear weapons. In particular, the nuclear weapons testing has continued in the face of opposition from the international community, which is voicing loud protests against such brutal weapons with the potential to wreck carnage far greater than that inflicted by regional conflicts and terrorism.

In 2001, the World Medical Association (WMA) adopted a resolution advocating the condemnation of terrorism, and in 1998 and 2008 adopted the WMA Statement on Nuclear Weapons calling on the governments of all countries to make sincere efforts to abolish nuclear weapons. This is the voice of physicians worldwide pleading earnestly from their position as the medical profession against the cruelty of nuclear weapons use.

One needs to look no further than the examples of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to understand that the medical impact of nuclear weapons is immeasurable. Even today, 63 years after atomic bombs were dropped on these cities, survivors continue to suffer from the after effects.

It is precisely in times such as these that the Japan Medical Association, in accordance with the mission charged to physicians of protecting people's lives and health, resolves to strive towards the elimination of all nuclear weapons from the face of the earth as well as urge nuclear-weapon states to make sincere efforts towards the immediate abolition of these weapons.