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To: Genkai Nuclear Power Plant MOX Trial Plaintiffs

**From: Dr Rebecca Johnson,
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I am writing to express my concern about the promotion of plutonium and mixed oxide (MOX) fuel in the Genkai nuclear power plant and other nuclear power reactors.

Concerned that MOX fuel unacceptably increases the risks of serious accidents and proliferation, we support the actions of Japanese citizens to oppose and prevent the dangerous escalation of nuclear dangers through the use of MOX fuel in Japan.

Sixty-five years after Japanese people suffered so terribly from the first uses of atomic technology to bomb Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it is time to close the door on nuclear activities that increase the future threats of nuclear contamination and weapons acquisition, use and proliferation. MOX and other kinds of fuel based on plutonium and highly-enriched uranium must now be prohibited and phased out. Meeting the energy needs of Japan and the world does not require the utilisation of fuel materials that can be so readily acquired and adapted for making nuclear bombs. Our national and global energy needs can be better met through the use of sustainable and renewable energy resources. The use of MOX fuel contradicts and undermines our shared objectives to enhance public health, environmental sustainability and human security, as well as the urgent necessity to prevent the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons by anyone for any purpose whatsoever.

We support Japanese civil society's legal and political efforts to end the use of MOX in the Genkai plant and throughout Japan, and wish you the very best in all your endeavours.

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