

**In support of those taking legal action to stop the use of MOX fuel in Genkai nuclear power plant on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

I, Angie Zelter, (of Trident Ploughshares, Right Livelihood Award 2001, Sean McBride Peace Prize 1997) am writing this on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010 to express my grave concerns about the use of MOX fuel in the Genkai nuclear power plant. I am especially concerned that MOX fuel increases the already high risks of serious accidents. The use of MOX also increases the risks of nuclear weapons proliferation.

I wholeheartedly support the legal action taken by those responsible Japanese citizens who are opposing the use of MOX fuel in Japan and thereby trying to ensure a safer world for all of us.

It is now sixty-five years since the Japanese people suffered from the horrendous use of atom bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The use of nuclear weapons then was a war crime and the continued deployment of nuclear weapons is a preparation for future war crimes. There is a strong link between the civil and military uses of nuclear technology and until our world community has stopped using war as a means for dealing with conflict, and has devised wiser and more humane ways of resolving conflicts, no country should be using MOX or any other kinds of fuel based on plutonium and highly-enriched uranium. These fuels should now be prohibited and phased out.

The energy needs of the world, including Japan, can be sustainably provided by solar, wind, wave and hydro-power without the risk of nuclear proliferation. Indeed, in a country with such a high risk of earthquakes the use of nuclear power plants is extremely unwise.

I wish you all the success you deserve in your endeavours to persuade the courts to act in the public interest and end the use of MOX in the Genkai plant and throughout Japan.

With love and hope,

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