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(Name of the ambassador of Japan in your country), Ambassador of Japan in (Name of your country)

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OBJECT : Support for Fukushima Refugees

Ms., Mr.,

Our organization, (the name of your organization), is a non-profit group of (number of members) members; located at (indicate your area of intervention) in the field of (your area of intervention; e.g., the right to housing, literacy, rights of working men and women, etc.). We have been informed of the recent inhumane treatment of refugees from Fukushima. We are writing to you today to ensure that their rights to life and housing are truly recognized and respected.

Following the earthquake that struck the Japanese coast in March 2011 and the destruction that followed the Fukushima Daiichi disaster, men, women and children living nearby had to be relocated because of radiation danger in those locations. To do this, the Japanese government paid them a housing allowance that allowed them to stay out of the irradiated area, affordably, despite the loss of many homes due to the disaster.

Since then, the radiation level has barely fluctuated in the region, remaining well above the internationally recognized safety standards.

However, on March 31, 2017, the Japanese government wants to not only drastically lower, the threshold of radiation deemed acceptable now, but also wants to force the return of Fukushima refugees to their original places of residence by removing any rent assistance. In both scenarios, we consider that this is a risk of severe health hazard and even of life for those affected and it is a flagrant denial of their right to housing. This is unacceptable!

- Our organization therefore joins its voice to those of the *Citizens' Network for the Evacuation from Radiation*, No-Vox Japan and the entire international *No-Vox* network, and asks:

- **To the government of Japan:**
 - **Apply the precautionary principle and to establish in its legislation, to 1 millisievert (mSv) the maximum acceptable dose of radiation per year, that is to say the same threshold that is recognized by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission;¹**
 - **Allow Fukushima refugees to live outside of the irradiated area and for this reason, fully maintain their housing allowance;**
- **To the UN:**
 - **In order to respect the right to life and to adequate housing in all circumstances, to adopt an international agreement requiring all governments to adopt similar legislation setting to 1 millisievert (mSv) the maximum acceptable annual radiation dose;**
 - **Interpellate the International Criminal Court so that those responsible for the Fukushima Daichi plant, which knowingly lied to neighbouring populations, are prosecuted for crimes against humanity.**

We expect a written response from each and every one of you.

Until then, receive, **Ms., Mr.**, our best regards.

(Signature)

(Your name and title)

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1 « The [effective dose limit](http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/resources/radiation/introduction-to-radiation/radiation-doses.cfm) for the Canadian public is a maximum of 1 mSv in one calendar year. »
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