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Dear Human Beings, all of you  
 Mister President,  
 *or Mme. or M. Vice-President,*  
 Dear authorities of …, including the highest,  
 Excellencies,  
 Dear delegation   
 Ladies and Gentlemen,

Greetings of *peace and of understanding*,

At the nucleus of our world, the Conscience of Humanity.  
How we individually and collectively relate to others and to ourselves, to our planet. How we understand and restore the past, to assure that the present and the future are better, in and with dignity.

The situation in the Marshall Islands can be, through human rights and due consideration, a beacon of hope for humanity, as a whole, for the Islands and for all those directly and indirectly affected by the nuclear age, all of us. We do not dare consider what the situation would be without due attention.

As shown by our contribution to the report, civil society has always been incremental building awareness and resistance to nuclear military practices, and atrocities. With as a side effect to reinforce democracy, transparency and accountability.  
  
Our report also shows, in an annex, that presently 44 States on the planet have nuclear major activities, that is uranium mining, electric power plants or military weapons[[1]](#footnote-1).  
These States have an increased responsibility towards victims and the future of humanity and towards achieving a nonkilling world.  
  
Dear life participants,   
Every life counts and may peace prevail!

Thank you, Mister *(Mme. Vice-)* President.

1. <https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/2024/call-inputs-addressing-challenges-and-barriers-full-realization-human-rights> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)