

Statement of Solidarity with the Call to  
Strengthen and Spread the Spirit and the Law of Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution:  
Toward the Abolition of War

As we face the renewal of the threat of nuclear war, the increased militarization of the international system and the shadow of armed violence as the means of preference to inflict and to respond to acts of terror, the intent to bring an end to war held out by Article 9 is our best hope for peace in the world. All who hope and work for peace must stand firm to preserve Article 9, to persuade other nations to adopt similar constitutional provisions, and to work for the achievement of general and complete disarmament as the essential step toward the establishment of a just and nonviolent world security system.

I express my full agreement with Professor Horio's statement and offer my solidarity with the purposes of the symposium to explore the means to enable citizens to demand and organize to preserve and extend Article 9.

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