



PERMANENT SECRETARIAT  
OF THE WORLD SUMMIT OF NOBEL PEACE LAUREATES

To the President of  
United States of America  
H.E. Barack Obama

**Dear Mr. President,**

The Mayor of Hiroshima has agreed to host the **11th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates** in his City from 12 to 14 November this year, as part of the commemoration of the 65th Anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

We consider particularly important to dedicate this year edition of the World Summit to the topic **“The Legacy of Hiroshima: a world without nuclear weapons”**.

The Summit will provide Nobel Peace Laureates and Nobel Peace Laureate organizations with the opportunity to explore how this tragic event has influenced the History and to focus international attention on progress toward a nuclear-weapons free world. In particular, we wish to examine the devastation that nuclear weapons might cause; the implementation of existing nuclear weapons treaties; the challenge of non-proliferation; and the threat of nuclear terrorism.

During these days, as Nobel Peace Laureates, we will pay the tribute to the victims of the bomb at the Hiroshima Memorial.

We are deeply encouraged by the views that you expressed on the control, reduction and elimination of nuclear weapons in your speech in Prague on 5 April this year. We believe that your analysis presents a realistic and practical approach to the complex challenge of ultimately building a world free from nuclear weapons.


We understand that you might be visiting Japan to attend the APEC 18th Economic Leaders Meeting in Yokohama on 13 and 14 November 2010. It occurred to us that our Summit might present an excellent platform for you to repeat and reinforce the doctrine that you articulated in Prague. This would help to focus global attention on the control, reduction and elimination of nuclear weapons and would provide an excellent introduction to our own deliberations.

There could not be a better venue for such a speech than Hiroshima - nor, perhaps, a more fitting forum than one presented by fellow Nobel Peace Laureates. We would accordingly be deeply honored if you would accept our invitation to open the Summit on 12 November 2010 with a keynote address on this critically important global challenge.

Yours sincerely,



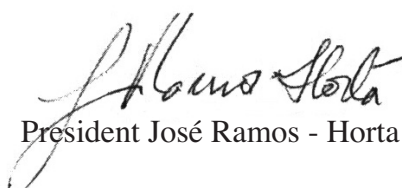
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