



THE MINISTER FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Date  
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Dear Ms. Setsuko Thurlow

Thank you for your letter to the Prime Minister regarding nuclear disarmament and thank you for sharing your personal and deeply touching account of what you experienced in Hiroshima. The Prime Minister has asked me to answer your letter.

Denmark shares your vision of a world without nuclear weapons, and I can assure you that we take our responsibilities under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons very seriously. We will continue to work towards nuclear disarmament under the auspices of the NPT in line with our international commitments. At the same time, it is important that we approach the topic in a way, which ensures a dialogue including both nuclear and non-nuclear-weapon states. In our view, this is pivotal to ensuring tangible progress towards nuclear disarmament. We remain convinced that progress towards nuclear disarmament is best ensured through the NPT. Furthermore, Denmark shares NATO's approach to a world without nuclear weapons. In order to preserve peace, NATO will need to remain a nuclear Alliance as long as nuclear weapons exist. We strongly support NATO's strengthened efforts on arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation to take account of new realities. Since the end of the Cold War, NATO has in fact reduced its nuclear arsenal in Europe by 90 percent.

I thank you for your efforts in keeping the question of nuclear disarmament on the international agenda.



Jeppe Kofod