

50 non-governmental organizations in Japan released a declaration to protest the “Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage” (CSC) which protects nuclear power technology vendors from responsibility for reparations and does not protect the victims of nuclear power accidents.

## **Declaration**

### **To protest The Japanese Diet’s over-hasty approval of the “Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage” (CSC), which heavily protects the nuclear power industry and encourages nuclear exports**

On November 19, the “Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage” (CSC) was ratified by the House of Councilors. We strongly object to today’s vote to approve this treaty, without any discussion of its numerous problems, which was rushed through to accommodate the Abe administration’s schedule for dissolving the Lower House of the Diet.

The treaty promotes the export of nuclear power technology while ignoring the lessons of the Fukushima accident.

Specifically, we raise the following issues:

- 1) The exemption of nuclear power technology vendors from liability/responsibility for reparations. This will result in increased exports of nuclear power technology.
- 2) The use of international funds for nuclear accident damage compensation above a fixed amount. This will serve to benefit any nuclear technology vendor who causes an accident.
- 3) As a result of items 1 and 2, parties involved in the nuclear energy business only profit, without taking any risk – leading to moral hazard and the acceleration of nuclear exports.
- 4) By placing fixed restrictions on items eligible for nuclear accident compensation, it becomes likely that divergent claims for reparations will go unpaid.
- 5) By failing to adopt the principle of “unlimited liability” in Japan’s Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act governing nuclear power damages compensation (i.e. nuclear power technology vendors are required to pay an unrestricted amount of compensation), it opens the way for the establishment of a cap (maximum limit) for payment of damages.
- 6) Despite nuclear accident damages extending far beyond national borders, legal jurisdiction is focused in the nation where the accident originated, meaning a case can

only be brought to court in that particular country.

7) As a result of items 4 – 6, the victims of nuclear power accidents are left unprotected.

According to the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act based on the principle of concentrating primary liability for damages, Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) is the principal party responsible for compensating damages resulting from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident. However, in actuality, due to the system set up under the Nuclear Damage Compensation Facilitation Corporation Act, the burden is having to be borne by the consumer and taxpayer.

This treaty extends this type of irresponsible system internationally.

Nuclear power is in and of itself a dangerous and non-efficient system for supplying electricity. It cannot exist without lavish public protection.

Rushing through this treaty's approval during this Diet session can only be seen as accommodating the "nuclear village".

The Fukushima Daiichi accident is ongoing with no end in sight. So many people have lost their homeland.

What Japan should be exporting instead, based on this experience, is the wisdom, practical design, and philosophy for realizing a renewable energy system.

We will, with many others, oppose the export of nuclear technology, based on the lessons learned from the Fukushima accident.

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