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Dear family of his excellency Mr. Tony de Brum,

We are so sorry to hear that former RMI Foreign Minister Tony de Brum passed away on August 22, 2017.

His unyielding challenge against nuclear weapons and climate change has undoubtedly guided us to a better world. Especially the Nuclear Zero Lawsuits brought to the International Court of Justice against nuclear-armed states encouraged many people in Japan as well as myself, who witnessed the mushroom cloud of the 1945 atomic bomb in Hiroshima just as he did so at different time and place. Please let me conclude by his words: *“we vow to fight so that no one else on earth will ever again experience these atrocities.”*

Please accept our deepest sympathy.

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