

May 17, 2014

His Excellency Thorbjørn Jagland
The Norwegian Nobel Committee

Dear Chairman Jagland and Norwegian Nobel Committee Members,

We the undersigned members of the Japanese Diet would like to congratulate the people of Norway on the 200th anniversary of the adoption of your constitution.

Our own constitution is a much younger one, and under its Article 9, which renounces war and prohibits the maintenance of war potential, we have led a remarkable 68-year journey as a pacifist nation. [We are deeply honored that this same Article 9, as realized by the people of Japan over the past seven decades, has been officially nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.](#)

This nomination was made by the people and for the people and as such, we speak from a position of political neutrality. We do, however, humbly urge you to select this nominee for the ultimate honor.

May there be peace on Earth,

(In alphabetical order)

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THE CONSTITUTION OF JAPAN

CHAPTER II

RENUNCIATION OF WAR

Article 9. Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes.

In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized.