

DECLARE JAPAN'S FUKUSHIMA MELTDOWNS A "LEVEL 8" NUCLEAR DISASTER

WHEREAS, the four nuclear reactors devastated by the earthquake and tsunami in March of 2011 continue to pose a grave risk to people and the environment around the entire world, in that an unprecedented 3 nuclear reactor cores have since melted down into (and most likely through) their containment vessels on the east coast of Japan; and

WHEREAS, no technology currently exists to fix the situation, and the development of such technology is inadequately funded by the private corporation (Tokyo Electric Power Company) responsible for creating the disaster, and enormous quantities of radioactive releases continue to spew daily into the world's ocean from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power facility—with no end in sight; and

WHEREAS, besides the ongoing spills, the probability of another earthquake damaging the spent fuel pools at the site is extremely high—potentially making the current situation even worse—and the situation has been described by nuclear experts as a ticking nuclear time bomb; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____ urges that there be a full on international response to any nuclear accident that rises above a certain level or category, and threatens the environment of the entire planet, and that a new, international “Level 8” category must be added to the International Atomic Energy Agency’s current 7-level scale that characterizes the severity of nuclear accidents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power facility be declared a “Level 8” nuclear disaster, and thus firmly identify the need for an independent, internationally coordinated response to stabilize, monitor radioactive releases and plumes, and clean up the major nuclear emergency occurring there, or in any country in the future that has been overwhelmed by disaster, has had a multi-unit accident, or has failed to provide the timely expertise and resources necessary to protect neighboring countries and the global environment from a substantial, ongoing or imminent release of radioactive materials.

Resolution adopted by the _____ on _____ (Month day, year)