

**Resolution to Liquidate TEPCO and Demand that the Government Take Full Responsibility for Dealing with the Aftermath, and Providing Compensation for the Nuclear Power Plant Disaster, such as Taking Measures to Control the Contaminated Water**

On September 3, 2013, the Japanese Government made it clear that it would invest 47 billion yen of national expenditure for a government lead process to solve the problem of the continued leakage of contaminated water containing high concentrations of radioactive materials, from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station.

There has been concern about the contaminated water leaking into the ocean since immediately after the accident. At a press conference in July 2011 Hosono Goshi, the Nuclear Minister, announced plans to install an impervious wall. However this was not done because TEPCO expressed reluctance toward the massive expenses needed for the project. TEPCO has prioritised its operations, putting off the fundamental measures needed to solve the problem of water contamination.

December 10, 2013, the government Committee on Countermeasures for Contaminated Water Treatment published a report on the progress of and additional measures planned to solve the water contamination by 2020. However the legal basis for the use of 47 billion yen of public funds, noted above, and the expenditures needed for long term measures to solve the contamination problem, have not been made clear.

The grave situation faced by municipalities that have been affected by the disaster and the delay in bringing the situation under control has made this issue an international problem. In light of this, putting off implementing the fundamental measures needed to deal with the water contamination is something that must never be repeated and the process of dealing with this issue must be accelerated.

At the same time, in order to ensure that the financial burden is not laid on citizens TEPCO needs to be legally liquidated.

Through liquidation, it will be possible to clarify the responsibilities of the management, share holders, and major banks. This will allow TEPCO and its stakeholders to take full responsibility for compensation and for solving the water contamination problem and the damage caused by it.

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