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## NOMINATION FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE 2021

To whom it may concern,

It is my honor to nominate the following candidate for Nobel Peace Prize 2021 from Japan: Article 9 Association (or Kyujo-no Kai九条の会 in Japanese; [http://www.9-jo.jp/en/index\\_en.html](http://www.9-jo.jp/en/index_en.html)).

Since its foundation in 2004 Article 9 Association has been appealing to the world the spirit of the Article 9 of the Constitution of Japan which declares the absolute abandonment of the war:

*Article 9, The Constitution of Japan (1947);*

- 1) *"Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes;*
- 2) *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."*

By so doing Article 9 Association is advocating the significance of the peace for the existence of the humanity in the future.

The Article 9 Association contributes to diffusion of the universal idea of the harmonious existence of all the human species in peace. The contribution as such is very much meaningful and important especially in our age because war and terrorism evoked by excessive nationalism and religious intolerance are presently imminent threats to our global society.

We have another threat to the peace these years in the political arena: the wide spread of a form of populism, which insists on the exclusion of the "others," among the common people in certain nations in our world.

As an antithesis to this tendency, the above-mentioned messages continuously conveyed by Article 9 Association can respond to the needs of our time.

For the above reason I nominate Article 9 Association for Nobel Peace Prize 2021.

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