Country: Philippines

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Philippines is a free and independent country and has its own clear view on nuclear armament. As we neatly stand by nuclear disarmament, we have sound facts that reveal our clarity on our view. If we have a quick look at the history, it is almost impossible to miss the fact that a plane carrying a nuclear bomb was lost in our sea in 1965, during Vietnam War. The bomb was defined as one of the USA’s lost nuclear weapons. Underlying again, a nuclear bomb which was seventy times more powerful than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima was accidentally lost in the sea, our sea.

It is not hard to imagine the possible outcomes of an unexploded nuclear bomb in a sea surrounded by people unaware of it. In case this bomb gave a sudden reaction, a country’s incautiousness would lead to countless number of lives to be destroyed, not to mention the huge damage given to nature. After this dramatic event, our country naturally cleared its position against nuclear armament. Our president clearly stated that if USA ever tried to bring any kind of nuclear weapons to our country, we would terminate the VFA (visiting forces agreement) unilaterally.

Since then, our country has constantly stood against nuclear armament and did everything in its power to support less powerful countries fight with it, as well. We will keep following our principles on the topic while strengthening our position day by day.

Thank you for your consideration and evaluation.