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Dear Brothers Robert McEllrath and Melvin Mackay, and Brothers and Sisters of ILWU,

Doro-Chiba gratefully thanks you for passing a resolution "For Workers' Action To Stop The War" on May 1. We admire your effort of organizing workers' action in workplace, point of production, to bring an end to bloody war and occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan. We express our firm determination to stand up for anti-war action in solidarity with you.

Our union has been consistently fighting against the policy of new-liberalism and privatization whose essential aim is union busting, since the division and privatization of National Railways in 1987. All through these 20 years' struggle we have successfully maintained unity in spite of a lot of sacrifice required by the hardship. Now a strike is planned to oppose outsourcing or irregularization of car maintenance on March 14.

Also we have been fully engaged in anti-war struggle since the breakout of the Iraq war on March 20, 2003, to which we responded with four days' strike as labor protest action from March 27 the same year. A nationwide united anti-war action is now being organized to commemorate the fifth year of the Iraq war on coming March 16.

Doro-Chiba wholeheartedly endorses the Workers' Action To Stop The War on May 1 proposed by valiant comrades of ILWU. Your struggle is our struggle; it is also a common struggle of the working class of the whole world. Your marvelous policy and great determination for labor action is encouraging us enormously.

Let me express once again our gratitude to you for sending us a delegation to the annual November workers rally in Japan for building up a national network of fighting labor unions. International solidarity fostered through these occasions has been giving us unshakable conviction in our struggle, a conviction that fierce attack on working class and bloody war can be stopped when workers of the world are united, in a word: "United, we will win".

The Labor Conference To Stop The war in San Francisco last October, in which Doro-Chiba's delegation had an honor to participate has strengthened our conviction in international solidarity.

We thank you brothers and sisters of ILWU for all your efforts to achieve a great aim. Let us create a fresh momentum of international labor action against war and privatization. We are ready to go on fighting shoulder to shoulder with you against every reactionary attempt.

In solidarity,

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