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**THE 1992 ANTI-NUCLEAR DECLARATION OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN TAIWAN**

We firmly believe that the whole universe is the creation of God, and that humankind is called to protect the integrity and harmony of the whole natural order. Therefore, we need to change our present human-centred behaviour, allow nature to be self sustaining, and so insure the ongoing welfare of succeeding generations.

Looking at our Taiwan homeland, we see the environment being destroyed by people's greed and selfishness, and with the addition of mistaken political policies, all of this leads to a loss of harmony between people and nature. This is all the more critical when we see people in every country of the world gradually recognizing the inherent destructive qualities of nuclear power and, in mass, halting construction of future nuclear plants and abandoning present ones; at the same time, however, our own authorities stubbornly push through with the construction of the Fourth Nuclear Power Station, ignoring the great threat to Taiwan's survival and development, and ignoring the people's wishes and the warnings of scholars and experts.

Because of this, we earnestly present to the Government the following statements:

1. **NUCLEAR POWER IS NOT A COMPLETELY SAFE SOURCE OF ENERGY; TAIWAN SHOULD NOT DEVELOP NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS**

The moment a nuclear power station experiences a disaster, its destructive radiation poisons the environment for thousands of years to come, and our most advanced technology, even down to the present day, finds it difficult to control. Especially with Taiwan being so small and the population so large, and being situated in an area of frequent earthquakes and typhoons, together with the fact that the authorities' supervision and safety control have never been put to the test, the possibility of a disaster is increasingly greater. Such a disaster is something Taiwan could never survive.