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Dear Mrs Bazarnic,

We would be grateful if you could pass on our congratulations to President Barack Obama on the occasion of his re-election.

In his Prague speech on 5th April 2009, the President said:

"The existence of thousands of nuclear weapons is the most dangerous legacy of the Cold War. ... The United States will take concrete steps towards a world without nuclear weapons. ... When we fail to pursue peace, then it stays forever beyond our grasp".

We encourage the President to use the opportunity of this second term to fulfil this commitment. This would also enable him to live up to the promise for which he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in October 2009.

In particular, Scotland's for Peace urge President Obama to stop the plan to build a replacement for the Trident nuclear weapon system. Many elements of this programme involve both US and UK governments. Scotland is proposed to be the base for the UK's version of the new system and this issue is of particular concern to a wide range of organisations in civic Scotland. We wish Scotland to be known as a place of peace and not as the home for new Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Yours in peace

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Isobel Lindsay'.

Isobel Lindsay,
Convenor,
Scotland's for Peace

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