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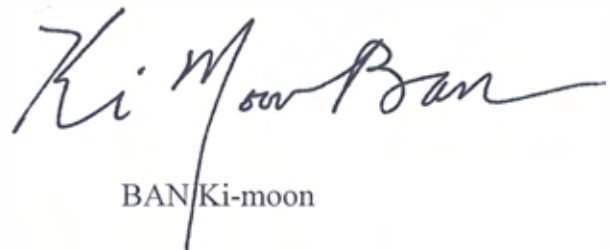
Excellency,

I would like to express my gratitude for your letter dated 27 August 2013, and for sharing with me the 10<sup>th</sup> Joint Statement of the International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights (IPCNKR).

I appreciate the efforts by the Coalition, comprising members of parliament from 14 countries, to raise concerns about the human rights situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). As you know, the United Nations is also making concerted efforts to address the situation through the Human Rights Council, its Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK, as well as the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the DPRK, together with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The United Nations places high importance on this matter.

I thank you for your strong interest in improving the human rights situation and for increasing international awareness. I wish you and all other IPCNKR Members success in your work.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
BAN/Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Woo-Yea Hwang  
Standing Co-Chairman of the International  
Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean  
Refugees and Human Rights  
Seoul



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Executive Office of the Secretary-General  
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To: CDC (through o/DSG),

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, a reply letter addressed to H.E. Mr. Woo-Yea Hwang, Standing Co-Chairman of the International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees.

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Political Unit  
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**SUBJECT/MESSAGE:**

Please find attached Secretary-General reply letter to Mr. Hwang Woo-Yea, Standing Co-Chairman of the IPCNKR, Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea.

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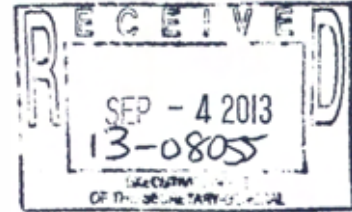
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27 August 2013

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On the behalf of the members of the International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights (IPCNR), I would like to express my deepest gratitude and respect to you for your contribution to the world peace and security and to the promotion of human rights, democracy, and the rule of law around the world.

The 10th General Meeting of the IPCNR was held in Warsaw, Poland, on 1-2 August 2013, bringing together 32 members of parliament from 14 countries. In accordance with the operative paragraph 11 of the 10th Joint Statement of the IPCNR, I hereby send you a copy of the statement adopted at the milestone conference. It is my sincere hope that the United Nations and the IPCNR will be able to strengthen cooperation to alleviate the suffering of North Koreans and enhance the dire human rights situation in North Korea.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my high consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Hwang, Woo-Yea

Standing Co-Chairman of the IPCNR



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Standing Co-Chairman of the IPCNR

Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea

## The 10<sup>th</sup> Joint Statement of the International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights

The International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights,

*Reaffirming* its commitment to collaborating with the international community in raising global awareness of gross human rights violations in North Korea, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and other treaties on human rights,

*Recalling* that North Korea signed the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity (1968), the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1981), the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of **Genocide** (1989), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1990), and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (2001),

1. *Expresses* its gravest concern at the deteriorating human rights situation in North Korea under the new leadership and at the systematic, widespread, and serious infringements of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the North Korean people committed by the regime in order to exact absolute obedience and loyalty;
2. *Calls upon* the North Korean regime to terminate brutal beatings, torture and other inhumane and degrading treatment or punishment, sexual violence and rape, forced labor, forced abortion, and public execution committed in the prison systems operated by the regime, particularly the practice of guilt by association;
3. *Expresses* its deepest concern over the long-standing unresolved cases of abduction of foreign nationals, particularly Japanese and Korean nationals, which were planned and executed by the North Korean regime, and *urges* North Korea to reveal their status and expedite their return, recalling that Kim Jong-Il admitted to kidnapping and returned five Japanese nationals in 2002;
4. *Recognizes* that the North Koreans who leave their country for economic reasons should qualify as refugees *sur place* because of a well-founded fear of arrest, detention, beatings, sexual violence, forced labor, forced abortion, torture and, in some cases, execution upon their repatriation;



5. *Supports* the activity of the U.N. Commission of Inquiry to investigate the human rights violations in North Korea and *expands* cooperation with the Council of Europe to improve the human rights situation in North Korea;
6. *Urges* the Chinese government, as a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention and to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to suspend the arrest and forcible repatriation of North Koreans, particularly women and children, and provide them with appropriate assistance and protection in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
7. *Recognizes* that North Korean refugees entering another country with the intention of resettling in a third country are regarded as the nationals of South Korea in accordance with Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of Korea;
8. *Demands* that all other countries, in which the North Korean people are seeking refuge or through which they transit, provide them with protection and humane treatment and ensure their security until they reach the destination of their choice;
9. *Recommends* the members of the IPCNKR to facilitate the enactment of a North Korean Human Rights Act or adopt a resolution on the issue in their respective legislatures;
10. *Requests* the members of the IPCNKR to cooperate with Non-Governmental **Organizations** which assist North Korean stateless children and trafficked women staying in other **countries** including China; and
11. *Conveys* the 10th Joint Statement of the IPCNKR to the Secretary-General of the United Nations as part of its effort to cooperate with international and regional organizations, such as the European Union and the Council of Europe, toward the termination of the tragedies of North Koreans.



Hamid Karzai  
Afghanistan



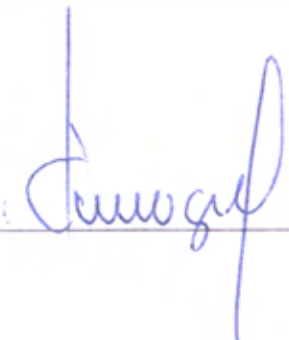
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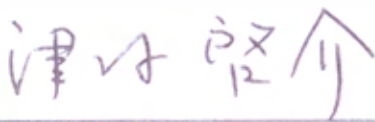
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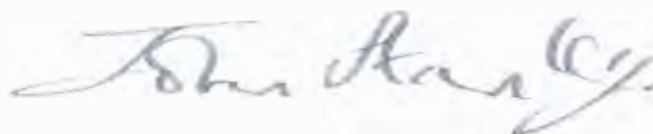
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