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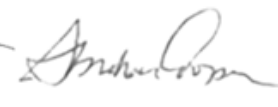

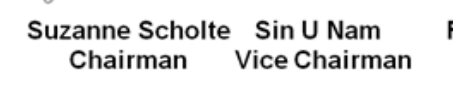





Dear Mr. Secretary General,

We are writing on International Human Rights Day, to plead with you to investigate the status of the nine North Korean youths who were repatriated from Laos through China to North Korea last May. As you know, these nine young people had requested, and had been accepted for, resettlement in the Republic of Korea. Recent reports from North Korea, however, suggest that some or all of the nine have been since executed or perished in political prison camps. These reports demand immediate investigation. We plead for you to call on the DPRK to allow the UNHCR access to these children to confirm their well-being.

In light of the United Nations General Assembly recently voting in favor of referring North Korea to the International Criminal Court, we must continue to pressure North Korea to give us information on these children. The only "crime" these children committed was to desire to live in South Korea. We implore you to use your great position to investigate the status of these nine innocent young people.

We look forward to your response and request you consider this as a matter of urgency.

Sincerely,

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