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**Action Called for Regarding Fate of Nine North Korean Orphans,
“Laos Nine”, and Upcoming UN General Assembly Vote**

WHO:

**Congressman Ed Royce, Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee
Congressman Eliot Engel (invited) , Ranking Member, HFAC
Suzanne Scholte, Chairman, North Korea Freedom Coalition
Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Vice-Chair NKFC and Members of the NKFC**

WHEN and WHERE: 2-3 pm Wednesday, December 10th, 2014,
2255 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Credible reports have emerged from the Democratic People’s Republic of North Korea (DPRK) that nine North Korean orphans forced back from Laos to North Korea on May 27, 2013, may have been killed.

Congressman Ed Royce will host this press conference to highlight this high profile incident with Members of the North Korea Freedom Coalition and to call for specific action. Information on each of the nine orphans shared from the Missionary who sheltered them and specific actions that must be done to address this tragic occurrence will be discussed. The NKFC will call for action by the governments of China and Laos, the countries responsible for forcing the children back to North Korea, the United Nations, as well as the United States Congress. Specifically, responsible nations are being urged to support the Commission of Inquiry’s recommendations that the regime in North Korea be referred to the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity. Action in the U.S. Senate on the North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act (HR 1771), which unanimously passed the U.S. House of Representatives, is also being urged.

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