

*******FOR ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 24*******

CHINA MUST STOP FORCIBLY RETURNING NORTH KOREAN REFUGEES

Responding to a call for action for the annual *Save North Korean Refugees Day*, the North Korea Freedom Coalition joined by human rights activists and organizations around the world will be delivering letters on September 24, to embassies and consulates of the People's Republic of China appealing for safe passage for North Korean refugees.

We are asking human rights activists in cities with Chinese embassies to attempt to deliver by hand copies of an appeal requesting that China abide by its international treaty obligations citing and including the letter that Justice Michael Kirby sent to the PRC United Nations mission in Geneva, in December of 2013.

Justice Kirby acted as Chair of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry that found the government of North Korea to be responsible for crimes against humanity. His letter to the PRC outlines the ways in which Chinese authorities have participated in those crimes.

“We are taking this action to ensure that Chinese officials realize that this issue will not go away, that many people in many places continue to care about the people of North Korea, and to insist that China protect the rights of North Korean refugees,” said Jack Rendler and Suzanne Scholte, co-chairs of the event.

Activists are also taking action in cities without PRC consulates as Solidarity Cities to plan events educating the public about the horrific treatment of North Korean men, women and children who

flee North Korea only to face arrest and forced repatriation by the Chinese authorities.

We are insisting that the government of the People's Republic of China:

- 1) stop forcing North Koreans in China to return to North Korea**
- 2) permit people from North Korea to travel to any country they choose**
- 3) grant refugee status to North Koreans in China**
- 4) give the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees access to North Koreans in China.**

For use in this action, please find attached a draft appeal, a copy of the letter from Justice Kirby, on behalf of the Commission of Inquiry to Ambassador Wu Haitao in Geneva, and a description of possible activities.

For a list of Chinese diplomatic missions around the world, please see: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/china>

If you would like to participate in this action, please contact us for advice and support. Thank you.

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