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Dear Mr. President:

Less than a month ago on August 30, 2024, two North Korean women were tried and later executed while nine others were sent to slower deaths in political prison camps to serve life sentences. These women were in the group of 600 North Korean refugees that the People's Republic of China forcibly repatriated to North Korea last October. Forty-two years ago today, the People's Republic of China signed the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol. By signing this agreement on September 24, 1982, the PRC agreed to international protocols for refugees. As you know the Korean family remains divided and those living under the Kim Jong Un regime suffer crimes against humanity which have led to well over 33,000 to flee the country.

We appeal to you as China's leader: please allow safe passage to these North Korean refugees and stop returning them to North Korea to face certain torture and imprisonment and even execution for simply trying to flee to South Korea. The international community is watching closely.

We respect China's concerns about refugees crossing its border when fleeing oppression and deprivation in North Korea. We ask that your government resolve this refugee crisis in a way that fulfills the goals of the Convention and Protocol. Unlike any other refugee crisis in the world, North Korean refugees have a place to go for immediate resettlement as citizens of South Korea under Articles 2 and 3 of the Republic of Korea Constitution. In addition to South Korea, many other countries have willingly resettled these refugees.

North Korean refugees need not be a burden for China since the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHRC) will help China resettle these refugees safely according to international law.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response to our request.

Sincerely,

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