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The Speaker,

On behalf of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and the International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights (IPCNKR), it is our great pleasure to extend our cordial invitation to you, the Speaker, lead a parliamentary delegation to participate in the 5th IPCNKR General Meeting.

IPCNKR currently consists of 200 parliamentarians from 60 nations. These highly esteemed parliamentarians strive to promote and protect the human rights of North Korean refugees in alignment with the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year in particular, we would like to broaden the discussions to cover the human rights issues of abductees and of South East Asian countries.

Beginning with its 2003 founding General Meeting in Seoul, IPCNKR held its 2nd General Meeting in Japan in 2005 and its 3rd General Meeting in Mongolia in 2006. The 4th General Meeting was hosted in Seoul, Korea in 2007. Accordingly, the 5th General Meeting will open this year in Seoul from 24 to 26 October.

The agenda of the 5th General Meeting will be "Human Rights of North Korean Refugees, South East Asian Refugees, and the Role of the International Community." The Meeting will kick off on October 24th with a welcome reception, followed by the opening ceremony. Participants shall attend plenary meetings and shall adopt a joint communiqué on the 25th. On the third and final day, participants are invited to join an optional city tour.



The Korean National Assembly and the IPCNKR will gladly provide accommodation for 3 representatives of each delegation for two nights and three days from 24 to 25 October including the optional city tour. For more details, please refer to the General Information enclosed herewith.

We are committed to exert our utmost efforts to ensure that each and every delegate feels at home throughout their stay.

Looking forward to welcoming you and your delegation in Seoul, we remain,

Sincerely,

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HWANG Woo-Yea Member of the National Assembly Standing Co-Chairman of the IPCNKR

International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights

The 5th General Meeting of the International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights

- □ Meeting outline
- oTheme: Human Rights of North Korean Refugees, South East Asian Refugees, and the Role of the International Community
- o Date: 24 October 2008 (Friday)~ 26 October 2008 (Sunday)
- o Venue: Lotte Hotel

Date and Venue

- The 5th General Meeting of IPCNKR will be held in Seoul, Korea from 24 October ~ 26 October 2008
- 2. Delegation lodging and meeting venue information is as follows:

♦ Lodging: Lotte Hotel

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♦ Meeting venue: Lotte Hotel Emerald Room

Website

- 1. The official website of the 5th IPCNKR General Assembly is www.ipcnkr.net
- 2. Key information regarding IPCNKR is on the website.
- 3. Any changes to the detailed schedule of the 5th General Assembly, events and other information that each national delegation should refer to will be posted on the website, so please check the website.

Meeting Agenda

1. The Status of North Korean Refugee Rights

- -The current state of North Korean refugees and their human rights: Mongolia
- -The intensified forced repatriation of refugees in China and the 2008 Beijing Olympics.
- -The continuing cycles of famine and increasing numbers of refugees, the merciless position of China on forced repatriation, the need to observe and address the issue of the concentration camps and correctional facilities.

2. The Status of abductees in North Korea and Their Human Rights

- -The current state of Japanese abductees and rescue movements
- -The Korean War and Vietnam War abductees under detention in North Korea
- -Issues of reunion of dispersed family members

3. Current Status of Human Rights in Asia

- -Refugees in South-East Asia
- -Myanmar Refugees in Thailand
- -Human Rights policies in China

4. The Role of the International Community and IPCNKR in Improving the Status of North Korean Refugee Rights

- -Resolving the problem of North Korean refugee rights through the international organizations and legal actions.
- -The enactment of North Korean Refugee laws by United States, Japan, and South Korea

■ Schedule for the 5th General Meeting

Human Rights of North Korean Refugees, South East Asian Refugees, and the Role of the International Community

Day 1 - 24 October, Friday

Welcome dinner

18:30 - 18:40 Welcoming speech

18:40 - 20:00 Dinner (Hosted by the Standing Co-chairman Hwang Woo-Yea)

Day 2 - 25 October, Saturday

Breakfast 07:30-08:30

08:30-09:00 Registration

o9:00-09:30 Opening address by Hwang Woo-Yea (Member of the Korean National Assembly, Standing Co-chairman of IPCNKR), Gundalai Lamjav (Member of Mongolian parliament, Co-chairman of IPCNKR), Masaharu Nakagawa (Member of Japanese parliament, Co-chairman of IPCNKR), Ed Royce (Member of U.S. House of Representatives, Co-chairman of IPCNKR)

09:30-10:00 Testimony of North Korean Refugees

Session 1 (10:00-11:00): The Status of North Korean Refugee Rights

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correctional facilities.

11:00-11:10 Coffee Break

- Session 2 (11:10-12:00): The Status of abductees in North Korea and Their Human Rights
 - -The current state of Japanese abductees and rescue movements
 - -The Korean War and Vietnam War abductees under detention in North Korea
 - -Issues of reunion of dispersed family members

12:10-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Showing of Documentary "On the Border"

13:30-15:00 Meeting of Co-chairmen

- o IPCNKR activity report
- Revision of articles of incorporation
- o Discussions on other items
- Determination of host country for the next general meeting

Session 3 (15:00-16:00): Current Status of Human Rights in Asia

- -Refugees in South-East Asia
- -Myanmar Refugees in Thailand
- -Human Rights Policies in China

16:00-16:10 Coffee Break

- Session 4 (16:10-17:10): The Role of the International Community and IPCNKR in Improving the Status of North Korean Refugee Rights
 - -Resolving the problem of North Korean refugee rights through the international organizations and legal actions.
 - -The enactment of North Korean Refugee laws by United States, Japan, and South Korea:

17:10-17:30	Coffee break
17:30-18:00	Adoption of a joint statement/resolution
18:00-18:25	Press conference
18:25-18:30	Closing address by Standing Co-chairman Hwang Woo-Yea
18:30-20:30	Dinner, Hosted by Park Jin, Chairman of the International Relation Committee
	Dinner Performance: Korea Youth Association- Traditional Drumming

Day 3 – 26 October, Sunday

Breakfast and *Tour

*Please refer to page 8 for optional cultural tour program.