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Santiago of Chili, February 06 of 2018.

His Excellency Mr Moon Jae-in President of the Republic of Korea Present

Of our consideration,

We are writing to you to demand the immediate release of KCTU President, Mr. Han Sang-gyun and the withdrawal of the charges against the former General Secretary of KCTU, Mr. Lee Young-joo.

It should be noted that Mr. Han Sang-gyun has now been imprisoned for nearly two years simply for exercising his democratic right to freedom of association and peaceful assembly. The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has noted that Han's deprivation of liberty is arbitrary and has called for his immediate release and compensation. It has further requested the Government of Korea to avoid the abuse of criminal proceedings in the context of peaceful protests.

However, on December 31, 2017, police arrested former KCTU General Secretary, Mr. Lee Young-joo, whilst she was in hospital after a ten-day hunger strike at the headquarters of the ruling Democratic Party, to end her self-imposed house arrest. Both, Han and Lee, are charged for their role in the people's rally on November 14, 2015. All they did was to protest against the former Park Guenhye government's regressive labour law reform to further casualise labour, which your government pledged to end.

The ILO Committee on Freedom of Association has asked the South Korean government to take any measures in its power for the release of Mr. Han, as well as all other trade unionists, for organization of and participation in the demonstration on November 14 of 2015.

Mr President, we know that you have expressed a deep commitment to human and workers' rights. We, therefore, ask you to take action now and use your authority to immediately pardon Mr. Han and withdraw the charges against Mr. Lee, in order to demonstrate that your government is upholding the UN Declaration of Human Rights and International Labour Standards.

Thanking you for your attention, we look forward to receiving your comments on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,



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