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OPEN LETTER: REPARATION FOR SURVIVORS OF JAPAN'S MILITARY SEXUAL SLAVERY SYSTEM

Dear Prime Minister Shinzo Abe,

I am writing on behalf of Amnesty International to urge you to ensure that on-going negotiations between the governments of Japan and the Republic of Korea result in full and effective reparation for survivors of Japan's Military Sexual Slavery System by the Japanese Imperial Army before and during World War II.

Amnesty International, a global movement that campaigns for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all, is deeply concerned that more than 70 years after the end of World War II, survivors of these horrific crimes continue to be denied justice by the government of Japan which refuses to accept full responsibility for the crimes.

Japan has an obligation under international law to provide full and effective reparation to the victims of these crimes, which constitute of war crimes and crimes against humanity. These issues have not been addressed in post-war treaties, the Asian Women's Fund or through other mechanisms and statements delivered by the government.

The recent agreement between the Republic of Korea to accelerate talks to resolve disputes over Japan's military sexual slavery system and to build a "future-oriented cooperative relationship" is an important opportunity to end the decades of injustice and suffering for survivors. Amnesty International hopes this process will also lead to Japan engaging with other states that seek reparation on behalf of their nationals.

To ensure full and effective reparation for survivors, we urge the government of Japan in these negotiations to:

- adopt a victim centred approach that takes into account the views and needs of survivors;
- accept full responsibility and apologize unreservedly to survivors of Japan's military sexual slavery system in a way that is acceptable to the majority of the women, and which publicly acknowledges the crimes that these women have been subjected to and restores the dignity of the survivors.
- seek to provide comprehensive reparation to all survivors;
- offer, in addition to compensation, other forms of reparation identified by survivors including measures of restitution, rehabilitation, satisfaction and guarantees of non-repetition;
- reject any measures which may undermine the rights of survivors, including their ability to seek reparation and access to justice before the courts;

- work with the government of Korea to ensure that effective systems are put in place to implement reparation measures;

Amnesty International hopes your government will take these long-overdue measures to address the harm of suffered by survivors of sexual slavery and end decades of injustice.

Yours sincerely

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