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

Dear President Park Geun-hye,

I am writing on behalf of Amnesty International to urge you to ensure that on-going negotiations between the governments of the Republic of Korea and Japan 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.

The recent agreement with Japan 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 these decades of injustice and suffering for survivors from the Republic of Korea. Amnesty International hopes this process will also inspire other states to seek reparation from Japan on behalf of their nationals. It is therefore vital that the negotiations achieve meaningful outcomes for survivors and do not repeat the failures and flawed efforts that have characterised Japan's actions on this matter in recent decades.

In particular, Amnesty International urges your government during the negotiations to:

- adopt a victim centred approach to the process involving regular consultations with all survivors to identify their needs and advocate effectively on their behalf during the negotiations;
- seek not only compensation but other forms of reparation identified by survivors including measures of restitution, rehabilitation, satisfaction (including a full unreserved apology, establishing the truth, and other measures that acknowledge Japan's responsibility) and guarantees of non-repetition;
- ensure that all survivors are able to access reparation;
- ensure that no measures are taken which undermine the rights of survivors, including their ability to seek reparation and access justice before the courts;
- ensure that effective systems are put in place to implement reparation measures. Given the criticism by many survivors of the Asian Women's Fund established by the Japanese government, reparation should be administered through appropriate mechanisms established by the government of the Republic of Korea.

Amnesty International hopes the Republic of Korea will take these important measures and negotiate with conviction to address the harm suffered by survivors of sexual slavery and end decades of injustice.

Yours sincerely

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For the Secretary General