Dear Prime Minister Koizumi,

I am appalled by reports that women, known as "comfort women", have not been fairly compensated or honoured by the Japanese government. These women and girls were systematically enslaved, raped, tortured and brutalized by the Japanese military before and during World War II. The system of forced sexual slavery was a crime against humanity. Your government still has the opportunity to right this terrible wrong by acknowledging legal responsibility.

I request that you honour the women's dignity by providing adequate financial compensation, rehabilitation and accurate accounts of these violations in Japanese school text books. I also request that you apologize for the crimes committed against these women.

I urge you to abolish impunity for crimes of sexual violence and enslavement against women. I call on your government to recognize the crimes against humanity committed against those women and publicly demonstrate that you denounce sexual violence against women, whenever and wherever it occurs.

Yours sincerely,

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PHOTOS L-R: Jan Ruff O'Herne was forced into a "comfort station" in Indonesia. She now lives in Australia. Esmeralda Boe was forced into sexual servitude in Timor Leste by a Japanese Commander and has since passed away. Park Ok-ryeon is a Korean woman survivor. All three women have spoken out to demand justice and protect women's rights during war.







