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Dear Ministers:

Warm greetings and Happy New Year from peacemakers from around the world.

We write to you as representatives of civil society organizations working on a broad range of issues, including peace, social justice, human rights, environment, and women's rights.

We are writing to respectfully request your facilitation of 17 women peacemakers' participation at the January 16, 2018 Ministerial Meeting on the Korean conflict held in Vancouver, Canada. Many of these women peacemakers represent civil society organizations from countries that fought in the Korean War; they have a responsibility and moral duty to help their governments formally end the 65-year old war diplomatically and peacefully.

The delegation of 17 women peacemakers gathered by Women Cross DMZ, Nobel Women's Initiative, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, United Church of Canada, and Women's

International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) represent the best of civil society with their broad and diverse expertise, which will be invaluable towards understanding and resolving

the longstanding Korean conflict. Their collective wisdom and experience includes conflict resolution, mediation, disarmament, nuclear policy, environment, military operations, humanitarian aid, human rights, international legal frameworks, and economic development.

To ensure that the only option that is advanced to address the dangerous escalation on the Korean Peninsula in Vancouver is a diplomatic one, we believe the active and meaningful participation of women peacemakers is critical.

Why should women peacemakers be at the table in Vancouver? For one, your governments are obligated to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, which was unanimously adopted by the UNSC on October 31, 2000. UNSCR 1325 recognizes the important role that women play in conflict prevention, conflict resolution, and peace building. In fact, many of your countries have developed National Action Plans to implement the resolution's objectives. By integrating women peacemakers at the meeting in Vancouver to address the most challenging, hard security crisis facing our world today, we believe we can contribute towards finding a diplomatic resolution.

In addition to your governments' commitment to uphold the spirit of UNSCR 1325, we also know from conflicts around the world that new initiatives require women's ideas because we bring a different perspective to resolving conflict and to building peace. Women deepen the discussion on peace and security beyond the interests of combatting parties and are able to energize community buy-in when an agreement is reached. Research shows that women's inclusion in peace processes not only yields actual peace agreements, but also more durable ones. **In a major study spanning three decades of 40 peace processes, of 182 signed peace accords, an agreement was reached in all but one case when women's groups influenced the peace process.** From 1989 to 2011, of these 182 signed peace accords, an agreement was 35 percent more likely to last 15 years if women participated in its creation.[1] In the absence of any formal dialogue, we believe it is urgent that women peacemakers are involved in discussing avenues for building peace and security for the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia.

By supporting the active participation of women peacemakers, you will have the chance to hear new insights, perspectives and solutions, particularly from those who would be most impacted by a renewed military conflict, and those who have most to gain from ensuring an era of dialogue and diplomacy.

Thank you for your consideration of the active and meaningful participation of women peacemakers to the Ministerial meeting in Vancouver. We look forward to the opportunity to engage with you in Vancouver to ensure peace, security and prosperity for all on the Korean Peninsula and region. We look forward to hearing back from you soon.

**Sincerely yours,**

1325 Policy Group, Sweden  
21st Century Seoul Women's Union, Republic of Korea  
350.org, USA  
ABAAD-Resource Center for Gender Equality, Lebanon  
Action for One Korea, USA  
African Women's Active Nonviolence Initiatives for Social Change, Africa  
Agir pour les Droits de l'Homme, France

Alliance for Gender Inclusion in Peace Process (AGIPP), Myanmar  
Alliance of Scholars Concerned about Korea, USA  
Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma, Thailand  
Anglican Church of Canada, Canada  
Association Dea Dia, Serbia  
Association of War Affected Women, Sri Lanka  
beyondit, Republic of Korea  
Bolivian Women's Efforts, Bolivia  
Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security, USA  
Canadian Voice of Women for Peace, Canada  
CanDo International, United Kingdom  
Catholic Worker, USA  
CEHAJ1325, Democratic Republic of Congo  
Center for Korean Peninsula Neutralization, USA  
Centre for Social and Gender Research "New Life", Ukraine  
Centre for Supporters of Human Rights (CSHR), United Kingdom  
Channing and Popai Liem Education Foundation, USA  
Charles and Doosurgh Abaagu Foundation, (CDAF) Nigeria  
Christian Aid, United Kingdom  
Chungchung-namdo Education Center for Equality, Republic of Korea  
CODEPINK, USA  
Colombia Liga de Mujeres Desplazadas, Colombia  
Comfort Women Justice Coalition, USA  
Committed Some for Uganda, Uganda  
Common Nourishing and Education, Republic of Korea  
Community Emergency Response Initiative (CERI) Nigeria  
Community Empowerment for Peace organization, South Sudan  
Conseil des Femmes Francophones de Belgique (CFFB), Belgium  
Consejo Nacional de Paz Afrocolombiano -CONPA, Columbia  
Coordination française pour le Lobby Européen des Femmes (CLEF), France  
Defenders for Human Rights Centre (DHRC), Iran  
Democracy Development Center, Ukraine  
Dignity Restoration and Protection Foundation (DRPF), Nigeria  
Durebang, Republic of Korea  
Ecumenical Peace Institute/Clergy and Laity Concerned, USA  
Ecumenical Youth Network, Republic of Korea  
Embrace Dignity, South Africa  
Environmentalists Against War, USA  
European Women's Lobby, Belgium  
Ewha Women's Alumni Meeting for Democracy, Republic of Korea  
femLINKpacific/GPPAC Pacific, Fiji  
Fonds Pour les Femmes Congolaises (FFC), Democratic Republic of Congo  
Forum Friedensethik (FFE), Germany  
Friends Committee on National Legislation, USA  
Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa, Africa  
Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa, USA  
Gender Action for Peace and Security, United Kingdom  
Gender Center of Volyn Region, Ukraine  
Gender Equality Network (GEN), Myanmar

German East Asia Mission (DOAM), Germany  
 Global Campaign for Peace Education, USA  
 Global Fund for Women, USA  
 Global Justice Center, USA  
 Global Ministries of the Christian Church, USA  
 Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, USA  
 Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, USA  
 Global Partnership for Prevention of Armed Conflict Pacific, International  
 Global Partnership for Prevention of Armed Conflict South Asia, International  
 Global Partnership for Prevention of Armed Conflict South Caucasus, International  
 Global Partnership for Prevention of Armed Conflict Southeast Asia, International  
 Good Friends USA, USA  
 Granny Peace Brigade, USA  
 Greenpeace Canada, Canada  
 Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice, Guam  
 Hawaii Peace and Justice, USA  
 Health Development and Information Policy Institute (HDIP), Palestine  
 Helsinki Citizens Assembly Armenia, Armenia  
 Hibakusha Stories, USA  
 Iftopia, Republic of Korea  
 Inclusive Security, USA  
 Initiatives for International Dialogue, Philippines  
 Institute for International Women's Rights, Manitoba  
 International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms - German Section, Germany  
 International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (IALANA), International  
 International Center on Conflict and Negotiation, Georgia  
 International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN), USA  
 International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), International  
 International Institute on Peace Education, USA  
 International Network Against Militarism, International  
 International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility, International  
 International Women's Alliance in the Philippines, Philippines  
 International Women's Network against Militarism, Philippines, Japan, South Korea, and USA  
 International Women's Rights Project (IWRP), Canada  
 IPPNW, ICAN Partner, Costa Rica  
 Israeli Disarmament Movement, Israel  
 Italian Medical Association for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), Italy  
 Just Associates (JASS), Mesoamerica  
 Kachin Women Peace Network (KWPN), May Sabe Phyu, Myanmar  
 Kharkiv Regional Gender Resource Centre - Centre of Gender Culture, Ukraine  
 Korea Association of Methodist Women in Ministry, Republic of Korea  
 Korea Church Women United, Republic of Korea  
 Korea Methodist Women's Leadership Institute, Republic of Korea  
 Korea Women's Association United, Republic of Korea  
 Korea Women's Political Solidarity, Republic of Korea  
 Korean Association of Women Theologians, Republic of Korea  
 Korean Sharing Movement, Republic of Korea  
 Kosovo Women's Network, Republic of Kosovo

Kvinna till Kvinna, Sweden  
Kyunggi Council of Women, Republic of Korea  
Kyunggi Goyang-Paju Women Link, Republic of Korea  
Kyunggi Jinbo Women United, Republic of Korea  
Kyunggi Women's Association United, Republic of Korea  
Kyunggi Women's Network, Republic of Korea  
La Strada Ukraine, Ukraine  
Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, USA  
MADRE, USA  
Malaysian Physicians for Peace and Social Responsibility, Malaysia  
Massachusetts Peace Action, USA  
Middle East and North Africa Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, Middle East  
MinKwon Center, USA  
My Stealthy Freedom, USA  
Naga Indigenous Women Network from Nagaland, India  
National Council of Churches Korea, Republic of Korea  
National Council of Churches Philippines, Philippines  
National Council of Women of Ukraine, Ukraine  
National Organization of Women, Sierra Leone  
NGO Institute of Mass Information, Ukraine  
Nobel Women's Initiative, Canada/International  
Nonviolence International, Canada  
Nonviolence International, USA  
Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, USA  
Nuclear Free World Committee, Dallas Peace and Justice, USA  
Okedongmu Children in Korea, Republic of Korea  
One Heart for Justice, USA  
Organization for Women's Freedom in Iraq, Canada/Iraq  
Palestinian medical relief Society (PMRS), Palestine  
Pax Christi International, International  
Peace Action Fund of New York State, USA  
Peace Action Montgomery County, USA  
Peace Action San Mateo, USA  
Peace Action, USA  
Peace and Cultural Foundation, Thailand  
Peace Boat, Japan  
Peace Culture Village, Japan  
Peace is Loud, USA  
Peace Mother, Republic of Korea  
Peace People, Northern Ireland  
Peace Women Partners, Philippines  
Peaceworkers, USA  
People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy, Republic of Korea  
Permanent Peace Movement, Lebanon  
Physicians for Social Responsibility- Kansas City, USA  
Physicians for Social Responsibility, USA  
Presenza, International  
Proceso de Comunidades Negras en Colombia-PCN, Colombia

Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), Sri Lanka  
Rete Femminista “No muri, No recenti,” Italy  
RootsAction.org, USA  
Rwanda Women's Network, Rwanda  
Smart Women International Foundation, South Africa  
SOFEPADI, Democratic Republic of Congo  
Solidarité Chine, France  
South Asia Forum for Human Rights, India  
Sunlit Sister's Center, Republic of Korea  
Supporting People and Rebuilding Communities, Bangladesh  
Teso Women Peace Activists (TEWPA), Uganda  
The Association of Major Superiors of Women Religious in Korea, Republic of Korea  
The Australian Civil Society Coalition on Women, Peace and Security, Australia  
The Center for Peace Education, Philippines  
The Christian Network for Peace and Unification, Republic of Korea  
The Council of Churches in Korea, Women's Committee, Republic of Korea  
The Gongju Women Human Rights Center, Republic of Korea  
The Korean Council for Women Drafted for Mil. Sexual Slavery by Japan, Republic of Korea  
The MATCH International Women's Fund, Canada  
The Righteous People for Korean Unification, Republic of Korea  
The Syrian Women's Political Movement, International  
The United Church of Canada, Canada  
The United Church of Christ, USA  
The United Methodist Church, USA  
The War Prevention Initiative, USA  
The World Council of Churches, Republic of Korea  
Ukrainian Association for Research in Women's History, Ukraine  
Ukrainian Women's Fund, Ukraine  
United for Peace and Justice, USA  
United for Women's Rights Against US Military Bases' Crime, Republic of Korea  
United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society, USA  
United Voice for the Eradication of Prostitution: Hansori, Republic of Korea  
Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights, USA  
Veterans for Peace, USA  
Vinnitsia Informational and Educational Center, Ukraine  
Voice for Change, South Sudan  
Voices for Creative Nonviolence, USA  
Vrede, Belgium  
We Women Lanka, Sri Lanka  
Western States Legal Foundation, USA  
WILPF France, France  
WILPF Italy, Italy  
Win Without War, USA  
WO=MEN, Netherlands  
Women Cross DMZ, USA  
Women Education Development Organization, Liberia  
Women Environmental Programme, Nigeria  
Women History Forum, Republic of Korea

Women Journalists without Chains, Yemen  
Women Making Peace, Republic of Korea  
Women Ministers Association of Presbyterian Churches Korea, Republic of Korea  
Women Peacemakers Program, Netherlands  
Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), USA  
Women's Action for New Directions, USA  
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN), USA  
Women's Funding Network, USA  
Women's Global Network on Reproductive Rights, International  
Women's Information Center, Georgia  
Women's Information Consultative Center, Ukraine  
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, International  
Women's March Global, USA  
Women's Perspectives, Ukraine  
World Beyond War, International  
World Communion of Reformed Churches, International  
World March of Women, Turkey

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[1] Marie O'Reilly, Andrea O Suilleabhain and Thania Paffenholz, [“Reimagining Peacemaking: Women’s Roles in Peace Processes,”](#) New York: International Peace Institute, June 2015.