

Republic of Korea, 27 October 2008

Resolution Calling on the Government of Japan to Issue a Formal Apology and Render Compensation to the Victims of Military Sexual Slavery for the Restoration of Victims' Dignity

[Translation]

With Respect to the fact that women from nations across Asia including young Korean women were abducted and coerced into military sexual slavery by the Japanese Imperial Armed Forces from the 1930's through the duration of World War II, the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea,

Encouraged by the fact that awareness of the need for an official apology and compensation for, and education of future generations about Japan's sexual enslavement of women spreads worldwide beginning with the adoption of the resolution by the US House of Representatives in 2007 followed by the European Parliament, the Netherlands and Canada,

Welcoming, in particular, the adoption of a petition and opinion letter by the city councils of Takarazuka and Kiyose, and other local governments in Japan calling for "the Japanese government to faithfully respond to the issue of military sexual slavery by after March 2008,

Gravely concerned by Japan's failure to accept the multi-faceted recommendations to address the issue of victims of Japan's military sexual slavery, constantly made by the international community, centering around the UN Human Rights Council over the past 15 years since 1993, when the World Conference on Human Rights was convened in Vienna, until June 2008, and with the aim to restore the dignity and reputation of the victims under the current circumstances where the health conditions of the survivors of Japan's military sexual slavery system have severely deteriorated and the number of survivors are on the dramatic decline,

Resolves to:

1. *Urge* the Government of Japan to formally apologize for sexual enslavement of women by the Japanese Imperial Army in the Asia-pacific region from the 1930's through the duration of World War II for the restoration of the victims' dignity;
2. *Call on* the Japanese Government to fully reflect on their history textbooks the truths regarding crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Japanese military, to offer compensation for damages to the victims of military sexual slavery, and on the National Diet of Japan to swiftly enact the relevant Act to substantially restore the dignity of these victims;
3. *Call on* the Government of the Republic of Korea to play an active and unequivocal role in making the Japanese Government formally apologize for military sexual slavery, provide legal compensation to the victims, and include an account of the military sexual slavery system in Japanese history textbooks as recommended by the international community including the UN Human Rights Council, the UN CEDAW (Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women), etc. to restore the dignity of the victims.