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We are outraged over the recent discovery that the Japanese government forcibly recruited several hundred thousand women, including Korean, Chinese, Philippine, and European women, into sexual enslavement as "the Emperor's gift to the Japanese Imperial Forces" during World War II. We are incensed over the Japanese government's continuation of orchestrated cover-up efforts to conceal their sanction of this gross and brutal violation of human rights. We are indignant over the Japanese government's persistent refusal to make full disclosure on this issue and to accept complete responsibility and accountability for their role in this inhumane and shocking treatment of women.

WE DEMAND:

1. APOLOGIES: That the Japanese government and its Emperor make full apologies to the surviving women who were used as sexual slaves by the Japanese government.
2. JAPAN'S LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY: That the Japanese government:
 - i) establish an independent Fact-Finding Committee and Damage Report Center;
 - ii) encourage and assist individual witnesses to testify on this issue without threat or reprisal; and
 - iii) take measures to provide reparation for the individual survivors and their families as clear acknowledgment of their responsibility for these crimes.
3. UNITED NATIONS INVESTIGATIONS: That the U.N. Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-Committees on Women and Minorities:
 - i) conduct a thorough investigation of this Japanese government sanctioned systematic recruitment by force of women at a near global level to serve as sexual slaves;
 - ii) conduct a thorough investigation of the continuing efforts by the Japanese government to cover up this gross injustice and violation of international principles of justice, reciprocity and equality of human rights; and
 - iii) adopt a resolution that identifies and defines government sanctioned sexual violation of women and recruitment of women as sexual slaves as a violation of human rights and as a crime against humanity.
4. GLOBAL SOLIDARITY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENTS: That the governments of Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, People's Republic of China, Netherlands, Philippines, Taiwan and other countries as well as international human rights organizations work to uncover and release all pertinent information on every aspect of this issue in order to accomplish three tasks:
 - i) to redress and make amends for these incredibly violent acts of injustice that were forced upon these women;
 - ii) to make these events known to the world community in order to prevent such crimes against humanity from ever being perpetrated again; and
 - iii) to educate future generations to respect the dignity and human rights of all human beings.

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