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Dear Members of the Sub-Commission,

We, as a Member of the House of Councilors of the Japanese Diet, have been requesting the Japanese Government to do their best in actualizing fact-finding on and direct payment of reparation to the survivor victims of sexual slavery, namely "comfort women" system created by the Japanese Imperial Forces. Regrettably, however, the Japanese Government have been failing to achieve those ends.

We welcome the report of the Sub-Commission's Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, dated 23 June 1994, in particular its following recommendation for the victims of contemporary forms of slavery such as sexual exploitation of women during wartime:

"Draws the attention of the parties concerned to the possibilities of making agreements on voluntary submission to the jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of Arbitration as a way of

assisting victims of violations of human rights, in particular practices akin to slavery;".

We believe that the recommendation is extremely proper in giving remedies to the "comfort women"—victims of the Japanese Imperial Forces.

We respectfully request to the Sub-Commission to support and endorse the recommendation.

Considering the acceptance of the Working Group's recommendation made by the Korean Council for the Victims of Military Sexual Slavery by Japan and 10 victims of Korean "comfort women" on 17 July 1994, we will try to persuade the Japanese Government also to accept the recommendation made by the Working Group.

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