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Indai Sajor wrote:

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> Dearest Vahida, Dearest Friends,

> First of all thank you very much Vahida for putting the inputs of the IAC  
> members and the gender dimension of the statutes. I will send the draft  
> copy to the Japanese, Korean and Filipino lawyers who have been active on  
> the statutes. This will definitely be on time for the Tokyo Tribunal  
> International Organizing Committee meeting in Taipei on October 2 & 3,  
> hosted by the Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation, Atty. Henry K.M. Chuang.  
> We're extending invitations to all of you, although we're unable to provide  
> travel funds. Food and accommodations can be taken care of by the host  
> organization. Let us know soon if any of you would be available on this  
> dates and also we can try to look for possible travel funding within the  
> donor networks.

> 1. On the International Advisory Council Meeting during the AWID meeting in  
> November in Washington DC. The date which is available to all is November  
> 10. The AWID meeting is on the 11-14th. Please block your schedule for the  
> IAC meeting on November 10. We will be looking for a place to meet and will  
> make the announcement before the conference.

> 2. The victimized countries organizations (South Korea, North Korea, China,  
> Taiwan, Philippines, Indonesia ) will be present during the meeting in  
> Taipei. Our main agenda are : draft statutes; finalizing the names of the  
> possible judges, prosecutors; build up campaigns regionally and  
> internationally, meeting with the Taiwanese comfort women. A public forum  
> is organized on the 3rd for lawyers, students, and women.

> 3. We would like to ask your further recommendations to possible judges  
> and experts whom you think should be invited or be part of the tribunal.  
> Further comments to the draft statutes would be most welcome and presented  
> as individual suggestion at the Taipei meeting in October.

> 4. Some good news: Last week of July Philippine and Japanese research  
> team did a joint research and interviews among the Filipino comfort women  
> members of the ASCENT/Malaya Lolas. As you know ASCENT uncovered in 1996 a  
> case of mass rape in the village of Mapanique, Pampanga, North of the  
> Philippines. The research and documentation has been going on for the past  
> two years. Now during this trip the members of the No More Mapanique  
> Network, composed of academicians, researchers, artists, students and  
> activists, visited and interviewed the "Lolas". We also went to the  
> national archives and went through the documents of the Tokyo War Crimes  
> Tribunal in 1949 documents and we got all the rapes and sexual abuse  
> testimonies of the War Tribunal of the Far East. We also interviewed former  
> guerillas and members of the resistance during World war II.

> The good news is that one of the members of the Japanese delegation who was  
> with us, continued the research in the Tokyo War Archives and he stumbled  
> into a war document stating an order to bomb Mapanique as it was full of  
> guerillas. The document date is November 22 and the bombing massacre and

> mass rape of the Lolas all happened on November 23, 1944! Great! We now  
> plan to hold for a press conference in Tokyo and Manila for this, but we  
> are still keeping it a secret - embargo! But this are the evidences that  
> we will present during our Tribunal! And this could be a major step for the  
> court case in Tokyo!  
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> This is all for now. Those who are not in the email addresses, I will mail  
> and fax this letter. Again thank you all for your kind attention. Looking  
> forward to your reply.  
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> Much love,           Indai