

Subject: Message for the Prosecutors, Re Indictments

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Dear Members of the Country Prosecutors,

Greetings from the Philippines! First of all, allow me, in behalf of the International Organizing Committee to thank Henry Chuang and the Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation for hosting the 2nd Regional Prosecutors Meeting. The meeting was indeed a success and we were able to cover a lot of important issues.

I am now enclosing herewith and sending in attached form the outline for the Country Indictment as prepared by Patricia Viseur-Sellers. We hope that in the finalization of the Indictment, you will be following the same outline or format. I am also attaching or in a separate mail the minutes of the 3 day meeting in Taipei.

As per our agreement, let us be reminded of the following dates:

1. October 2 - deadline for the submission of the country indictments. All Indictments should be received by ASCENT by 10:00 a.m.
2. December 4 - meeting of the Chief Prosecutors and the MAIN Country Prosecutors (2 or 3 only per country) or those who will be assigned to make the presentation, in Tokyo, Japan. This means that the prosecutors assigned will leave for Japan earlier.
3. December 5 -Start of rehearsal of key presenters and key witnesses
4. December 6, 10 am. - attendance in the Court Case of the Filipino Comfort Women case, possible mass action and press conference
5. December 6, p.m. - continuation of rehearsal, if possible
6. December 7, a.m. - Formal meeting of Prosecutors and Judges
7. December 7, a.m. - Final/main rehearsal at the Kudan Kaiken
6. December 7, 6:30 p.m. Formal opening and presentation of the IOC members, judges, prosecutors, and the women survivors at the Kudan Kaiken

On the matter of the presentation of the Indictment, I have already consulted the Filipino director who will help us stage and mount the entire Tribunal and a production assistant. He noted his concern that we don't want to have a boring 3-day event and suggests that all countries should make their presentation as visually stimulating as possible. It is being suggested that, if possible, all the testimonies be videotaped so that we can be assured that each country will be able to limit its presentation to one and a half hours. It is often difficult to limit the time for a live testimonial. He is also requesting if you can already start sending pictures to ASCENT which can help him prepare for the backdrop (slides, stage design, etc.) during the presentation to have more visual impact and make a clear representation of your country and the women survivors.

Thank you and looking forward to receiving the indictments. We know we can

make it!

Cheers,

Indai

Ps. here's the guidelines:

Guidelines for Indictment (s)

THE WOMAN'S INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL 2000
FOR THE TRIAL OF JAPANESE MILITARY SEXUAL SLAVERY

Country Name, for Example, China

Region

The Peoples of the Asia Pacific

v.

Emperor Hirohito, et. al.

INDICTMENT

1. The Prosecutors of the Women's International War Crimes Tribunal on Japanese Military Sexual Slavery, (hereinafter the "Tribunal") pursuant to their authority granted under Article 11 of the Charter of the Women's International War Crimes Tribunal 2000 for the Trial of Japanese Military Sexual Slavery, (hereinafter the "Charter") charged the accuses, EMPEROR HIROHITO with:

Crimes Against Humanity War Crimes

As recognized in Article 2 (1) of the Charter.

2. The Prosecutors of the Tribunal further allege that pursuant to their authority under Article 4 of the Charter that reparations and compensation for the aforesaid crimes to the remaining survivors or descendants of deceased victims incur the state responsibility of

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

INTRODUCTION

COUNTRY NAME

With numbered paragraphs, each country should give the historical

background of their country (for example the 1905 annexation and 1910 Treaty that occurred in Korea) and how their country entered into war with Japan or how they related to Japan during the war, such as the situation of Taiwan).

JAPANESE MILITARY SEXUAL SLAVERY

With numbered paragraphs each country should give the factual background of the war (such as did the Philippine Indictment - to the extent possible) and the system of sexual slavery that existed in your country or how your country was used for recruitment. This is merely a breakdown of most of the information that you have already placed in your indictments. The latter part of this section will include the places or situations of the FSS, the perpetrators (some of whom are the accused) and the named victims.

You might, as in the situation of Korea and Japan, refer to annexes, supplements, documents, affidavits or verifying materials of this background information.

THE ACCUSED

In numbered paragraphs, give the information identifying the accused. You want to elaborate their role, official or otherwise and their place in the command (military or political structure of the sexual slavery system). Japan should so Showa Emperor Hirohito. The other countries should do those persons who are accused, not those persons who are named only as evidence of the military sexual slavery system.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS AND COMMON LEGAL PARAGRAPHS

I will do this part

COUNTS

In numbered paragraph please place the restate succinctly the "case" or evidence that you will bring in Tokyo to show how the sexual slavery system operated in your country.

I will do the enumeration of the counts and the legal basis.

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