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**RE: South Korean Non-Governmental Organizations Endorse the Motion #181. Protection of the People, Nature, Culture and Heritage of Gangjeong Village**

Dear Dr. Ashok Khosla,

We, South Korean non-governmental organizations, are writing to you today to show our full support and endorsement to the Motion #181 "Protection of the People, Nature, Culture and Heritage of Gangjeong Village". The naval base construction in Gangjeong has endangered rare marine and land species, destroyed local peoples' lives and cultures while human rights violations are frequently occurring on environmental defenders.

We support recommendations to the Republic of Korea in the motion suggested by the Center for Humans and Nature, IUCN member organization. The construction of the naval base must be stopped immediately. A recommendation in the version that was modified by the Resolution Working Group reads, "Take appropriate measures to prevent adverse environmental and socio-cultural consequences associated with the construction of the Civilian-Military Complex Port Project". It already implies and acknowledges the environmental and socio-cultural destruction by the enforced naval base project in Gangjeong, despite the opposition by the majority of villagers. We, as South Korean civil society organizations, do not agree with this recommendation because construction of naval base contradicts a core value of the UN World Charter for Nature and the Earth Charter.

On 30 May 2012, the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression, Human Rights Defenders, and Peaceful Assembly and Association sent a joint allegation letter to South Korean government on ongoing human rights violations in Gangjeong towards environmental defenders who peacefully protested. Unfortunately, even though the letter kindly requests a response within sixty days, the Government has not responded yet. We would like to kindly remind you that IUCN Res. 2.37 is on *Support for Environmental Defenders* indicating "UNDERSTANDING that the participation of non-governmental organizations and individual advocates is essential to the fundamentals of civil society to assure the accountability of governments and multinational corporations; and AWARE that a nation's environment is only truly protected when concerned citizens are involved in the process;"

In this vein, we, as South Korean non-governmental organizations, firmly stand in solidarity with the Motion #181 "Protection of the People, Nature, Culture and Heritage of Gangjeong Village" as originally suggested by the Center for Humans and Nature. If you have any questions or need a clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at [peace@pspd.org](mailto:peace@pspd.org) or +82-2-723-4250.

Yours Sincerely,



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