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Dear President Moon,

**RE: KENYA'S "COMFORT WOMEN & CHILDREN": WE SEEK JUSTICE
FROM THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH KOREA.**

Please accept my regards on behalf of DNA TESTING SERVICES and our sister company CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION (CSI Nairobi), East and Central Africa based investigation firms that have assisted many citizens of the region access justice and closure through Forensic DNA technology.

During Kenya's 2007/8 Post Election Violence (PEV), CSI Nairobi together with our international partners then, Bode Technology Group, made global history by being the first firms to collect, catalogue and store crucial Forensic DNA evidence from about 700 Sexual Assault victims during a time of active unrest.

Great Human Sacrifice

The collection, cataloguing and transportation of this Forensic DNA evidence from an active environment characterized with violence was an effort of great human sacrifice.

Sexual assault victims risked further rape or even death by the mere act of travelling under extremely challenging conditions to hospital for medical attention.

CSI Nairobi staff risked their lives by securely packaging, cataloguing and transporting these samples from Kenya to U.S.A.

Bode Technology incurred heavy transportation costs from Kenya to U.S.A. They further undertook storage and partial analysis and profiling of the collected DNA samples at their cost.

Scientific Evidence, the ICC and Kenyan or Regional Courts

The only scientific evidence pertaining to the 2007/8 Post Election Violence in Kenya that can stand alone and be successfully used by both the International Criminal Court(ICC) and Kenyan or Regional Courts in the prosecution of suspects is available in the form of these Forensic DNA samples collected during that period and the corresponding biodata.

The ICC even sent to Kenya a delegation of their Scientific Response Unit to enquire about this evidence.

Kenya 2007/8 PEV – Crucial Forensic DNA Evidence destroyed in South Korea

After the acquisition of Bode Technology by Laboratory Corporation in December 2014, we requested our Consultant, Mr.Ed Huffine to locate for us a safe storage facility that could securely store this crucial Forensic evidence as we sort funds for the analysis and profiling of the same.

The securing of these samples outside Kenya was important to safeguard their integrity and protect them from deliberate destruction by suspects.

We were delighted to be informed by our Consultant that he had located a facility in South Korea that would assist us securely store these samples as we sort funds.

The task of seeking funds was then aggressively pursued thereafter.

However when a funding opportunity finally arose in Kenya this year 2020, we were informed by one of the individuals (Mr. James Lee) who assisted us secure these samples in South Korea that they had been destroyed.

The laboratory in South Korea that had secured these samples is called HUMANPASS Inc. The President and CEO is Eng. Lee, Seung – Jae.

Destruction without Consent

The destruction of these samples was a unilateral decision, undertaken without our knowledge or consent. Further, no such consent was sort from our Consultant on this matter.

This act we believe is a crime against Kenya’s victims of sexual assault and a gross violation of their human rights.

South Korean court begins trial over Japan's sexual slavery

“A Seoul court on Wednesday began hearing a long-awaited civil case filed against the Japanese government by South Korean women who were forced to work in Japan's World War II military brothels.

Japan insists that all compensation matters were settled by a 1965 treaty that normalized relations between the countries and has accused South Korea of repeatedly opening the book on issues that were supposed to be settled.

The deal was hugely unpopular in South Korea, where many people criticized their government for settling for far too less and accused Tokyo of attempting to silence the victims with money. The government of South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who took office in 2017, took steps to dissolve the foundation, saying that the deal lacked legitimacy because officials failed to properly communicate with victims before reaching it.”

We truly admire your determination in seeking justice and closure for the South Korean “Comfort Women”.

Justice and closure for Kenyan “Comfort Women & Children”

We write to you about Kenya’s victims of sexual violence during the 2007/8 PEV. Their only hope of salvation was destroyed in South Korea.

These courageous women and children, who have been waiting for justice for more than a decade, will be appalled to learn that their only hope of justice and closure has been destroyed in South Korea.

Of all the developed countries in the world, South Korea must surely know how to fight for the rights of sexually abused women and children, herself having been a victim during the Second World War.

Since the end of the Second World War, South Korea has been looking for justice and closure from Japan.

From this moment onwards, about 700 victims of sexual assault in Kenya’s 2007/8 PEV will be looking to South Korea for justice and closure.

We hope that you will prioritize addressing this issue as you have with the abused women of South Korea.

We too, like yourself, are determined to see that the Kenyan sexual assault

victims whose DNA evidence was destroyed in South Korea secure justice.

And like your government, we shall not settle for anything “less”.

Together with Kenyan victims of rape, we eagerly await your guidance in this matter.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,



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