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Republic of Korea – Request for Urgent Intervention

Dear Mr Ryder,

Earlier this year, your office responded to a request from the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and Education International (EI) to intervene with the government of Korea concerning its threat to deregister the Korean Teachers and Education Workers Union (KTU) if it did not amend its statutes to ban dismissed and unemployed workers from its membership. As you know, deregistration of the union on that basis would constitute a serious violation of the right to freedom of association.

Despite the ILO's timely intervention, we have learned that the government recently informed the KTU that it would be deregistered on 23 October 2013 unless the union's statutes are revised. We therefore again request that your office urge the government not to cancel the registration of the KTU and, instead, amend its own legislation on this point, as well as to initiate a process to amend its legislation in line with the observations of the Committee of Experts and the recommendations of the Committee on Freedom of Association.

Sincerely,



General Secretary