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To the kind attention of the Chairman of the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the Korean peninsula, Mr. Herbert REUL

And

to the Vice-Chairman of the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the Korean peninsula, Mr. Gerald HÄFNER

Dear Messers Reul and Häfner,

We have been informed by our colleagues in South Korea that the Teachers and Education Union (KTU) has been deregistered by the government.

It means it is no longer recognised as a trade union, can not do its work, and its trade union officers and shop-stewards can no longer rely on protection as trade union representatives.

I attach some documents for you related to the conflict.

The government has asked the union to change its statutes so a number of dismissed teachers could no longer be its members.

The union membership decided to stand by the dismissed teachers.

EPSU considers the government act illegal under international (ILO) law. Our global colleagues of ITUC have intervened twice as has the ILO (employers, trade unions and governments).

Still the government has not responded and listened.

It is therefore why we ask you to use the procedures of the Free Trade Agreement with Korea to investigate this gross violation on TU rights. The European Commission, Council and Parliament have underlined on several occasions that Human rights (and these include Trade union rights) are non negotiable, the EU should make its voice known to the Korean government.

We urge you to raise these issues with the European Commission and your counterparts in Korea.

Thank you for informing us of your actions.

Yours sincerely

Jan Willem Goudriaan
EPSU Deputy General Secretary

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