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President Xi Jinping
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Stop the forced return of any person to North Korea including Lee Su-jung and her child

Dear President,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to immediately stop the forced return of any person to North Korea including detainee **Lee Su-jung** and her son, to grant refugee status to those North Koreans who are entitled to it and give them immediate access to the UNHCR, and to ensure that **Lee Su-jung**, her son, and other North Korean detainees are protected from torture and other ill-treatment.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of a coordinated campaign in China to deny North Koreans refugee protections and to deny the UNHCR access to North Koreans fleeing their country.

We strongly believe that you and the Chinese government have a responsibility under international law to investigate these reports, including the *UN Refugee Convention* and the principle of *non-refoulement* – prohibiting the transfer of anyone to a place where they would be at real risk of serious human rights violations or abuses. If your investigation finds these reports of violations to be true, then we would urge you to take action to uphold international law by holding any responsible person or official accountable for their illegal and immoral actions.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Director Santaizi Police Station, Ambassador Shaye Lu, China Office - UNHCR