



THE CONFEDERATION OF CANADIAN UNIONS LA CONFÉDÉRATION DES SYNDICATS CANADIENS

Dear President Lee Myung-bak,

As a member of the OECD, the International Labour Organisation and a country seeking increased trade with the EU, Canada and the United States, Korea has a firm obligation to respect and protect the rights of workers and uphold International Labour Standards, specifically, Freedom of Association and the Right to Collectively Bargain.

The excessive use of force against peaceful marchers on July 9-10 outside of the Hanjin Heavy Industries shipyard is shocking and a blatant violation of your government's international commitments.

We urge you to immediately:

- Stop the ongoing human rights violations against KIM, Jinsuk and the Crane 85
- aerial sit-in protestors;
- End the physical attacks on workers by police and private contractors and
- prosecute the persons responsible for these attacks;
- Resolve the mass-redundancy/dismissals issue;
- Stop the imprisonment and repression of the trade unionists and supporters !

Sincerely,

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