(Content of the letter sent April 13, 2007 by the PROK National Church Women's Association to PROK partner churches in the US)

The National Church Women's Association of The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) deeply appreciates the strong support of *your church* for PROK ministries among vulnerable sectors of Korean society. We are thankful that, united in ecumenical oneness, our churches work together and with partners around the world for justice and peace around the world.

Strengthened by this unity in Christ, the women of the PROK appeal to our sisters and brothers in partner churches in the USA to join us in action and prayer that a resolution introduced to the US House of Representatives on January 31st of this year will be brought to the floor and passed. This is House Resolution 121 introduced by Congressman Mike Honda, calling on the Japanese government to officially and unequivocally apologize and take historical responsibility for the forcible sexual enslavement of women during the Second World War. As you know, while the majority of the victims of this horror were Korean, the women were forcibly taken from other Asian countries, including then-Dutch colonies, as well. The suffering of these sisters is beyond our imagination, and those still living today, from among the original number of as many as 200,000 women, can experience some degree of healing and hope through action taken around the world to ensure that Japan unambiguously apologize and take responsibility for its past actions.

Thankful for the active solidarity of our partner churches in the US, we ask our American sisters and brothers to strongly lobby the Congressmen and Congresswomen in your respective areas to support Resolution 121 so that it may be put to the floor and successfully passed. Knowing that you have already raised your voices in this urgent global issue of justice and human rights, we join hands with you and others in the international community in protest against the Abe government's denial of any evidence of coercion in the sexual enslavement of women during the war and, on a wider scale, against the alarming signs of Japan's trend toward remilitarization, including efforts to revise the Peace Constitution.

The passage of Resolution 121 will be a powerful sign of hope not only to these suffering grandmothers but to all who are working on the side of justice. With you, we pray and trust that the day will come when all may have life in all its fullness.

Sincerely,
(signature)

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