

September 8, 2006

President Roh Moo – Hyun
Cheong Wa Dae (Office of the President)
Republic of Korea

By email: webmaster@president.go.kr

RE: FORCEFUL CLOSING DOWN OF KGEU OFFICES NATIONWIDE

Dear President Roh Moo – Hyun:

The Canadian Union of Public Employees - CUPE, with its 500, 000 members, vigorously condemns the continued repression of the Korean Government Employees Union (KGEU).

The forceful closing down of the KGEU's offices, while the ILO Asia Regional meeting is being held in Korea, is a clear violation of trade union rights and the right to freedom of association. It shows contempt on the part of your government for international labour standards, in particular ILO Convention 87 on Freedom of Association.

CUPE is deeply concerned about the situation and fully supports the KGEU. We strongly urge your government to:

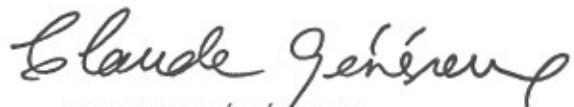
- Cease immediately all acts of repression on the KGEU;
- Withdraw immediately the "Directives to Promote the Transformation of Illegal Organizations into Legal Trade Unions (Voluntary Withdrawal of Membership)" as it is in clear violation of the principles of freedom of association.

We further call upon your government to enter into dialogue with the Korean Government Employees Union (KGEU) with a view to implementing fully the recommendations of the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association as set out in its recent report of March 2006 (Report No. 340, Case 1865).

Yours sincerely,



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