

## **Annex 1. Victim-survivor Lee Yong-soo's letter in support of Berlin Statue of Peace**

I'm Lee Yong-soo of Korea, a victim-survivor of Japanese Military Sexual Slavery.

Japanese Military Sexual Slavery is a horrific war crime committed by Japan during the World War II.

The Statue of Peace in Mitte, Berlin, Germany, is playing an important role in raising awareness on the horrors of the Japanese Military Sexual Slavery and in educating the future generations not to forget this heartbreaking history.

For a long time, many victims including myself, have made the following 7 demands to Japan:

1. Recognition of war crimes
2. Fact-finding
3. Official apology
4. Legal reparations
5. Punishment of war criminals
6. Record and educate in history textbooks
7. Construction of memorials and historical archives

I am well aware that Germany acknowledges the horrors of the Holocaust and constantly apologizes to the victims.

I am well aware that Germany continues to do so in order to remember the heartbreaking history.

Because children of later generations should not experience this pain in the way we did, and we have to honor the victims.

The same goes for us.

That's why there is Statue of Peace.

Like the Holocaust, we must not forget or deny the history of the Japanese Military Sexual Slavery for the sake of future children and for the victims who were unjustly victimized. We will and must continue to fight against those who deny this painful history.

Please, do not give in to those who deny history and help us with our actions to protect history.

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