## Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Consultative Status with United Nations ECOSOC, UNCTAD and UNESCO Consultative Relations with FAO, ILO, and UNICEF

## **Australian Section**



Senator the Hon Marise Payne Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister for Women Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister.

I write on behalf of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Australia) to advise that our members are supporting the Korea Peace Appeal Campaign timed for July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

As you know this will be the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice between South Korea and North Korea. However there has never been a Korean Peace Agreement formally negotiated, so Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Australia) is supporting peace groups around the world advocating for this peace agreement and for women's participation in the process.

We understand in 2019 you and former Defence Minister, Hon Linda Reynolds hosted the Republic of Korea (ROK) Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kang Kyung-wha and Minister of National Defense, Jeong Kyeong-doo in Sydney for the fourth Australian-ROK Foreign and Defence Ministers meeting. Therefore, we would respectfully request you consider communicating with your counterpart to indicate Australia's support for a Korea Peace Agreement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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