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Workers' rights are human rights
*President-Elect Guenhye -
We call on you to recognize
the KGEU and public sector workers' rights now!*

Dear President-elect Park Guenhye,

Trade union leaders from around the world continue to call for your intervention to immediately address the situation which throws a shadow over your upcoming presidency: the continued violation of workers' and trade union rights in Korea.

PSI represents more than 20 million public sector workers around the world. Our Korean affiliates are receiving daily support from fellow trade unionists in countries that include Korea's main trade partners: Japan, Australia, the United States, the European Union and elsewhere. The public at large is aware of the disgraceful treatment of trade unionists in your country, the lack of respect for international standards and how hundreds of workers lose their jobs because they choose to exercise their rights and belong to unions.

We support the Korean Government Employees' Union (KGEU) and its leader, Kim Jungnam, in their call for the recognition of their union and the reinstatement of 137 trade union members who were dismissed because of their affiliation to the KGEU.

We call upon President-elect Park Guenhye to commit to the basic human and labour rights that public workers are entitled to, to recognize the KGEU and to reinstate the dismissed workers. This would be a signal of hope that would pave the way for a renewed dialogue and normalization of labour relations in the public sector in Korea.

This campaign will continue until workers' rights are respected in Korea. The world is watching. We look forward to you and your government responding positively to these calls for immediate fair treatment and recognition of union workers.

Sincerely,

Rosa Pavanelli
General Secretary