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**감사합니다! / Kamsahamnida! / Thank you!**

Dear President,

I was thrilled to see the Republic of Korea support the eighth UN General Assembly resolution on a moratorium on the use of the death penalty in December 2020. This positive change in position is an important first step, which I hope will soon be followed by the full abolition of the penalty and ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

As of today, 142 countries have abolished the death penalty in law or practice. I oppose the death penalty in all cases without exception regardless of the nature or circumstances of the crime; guilt, innocence or other characteristics of the individual; or the method used by the state to carry out the execution. The death penalty violates the right to life as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

I count on you to lead South Korea on this important journey and join the majority of the world's countries that have already outlawed this cruel punishment. I am cheering for South Korea to be the next abolitionist country!

Yours sincerely,

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