



## WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES

### COMMUNICATION FORM

#### 1. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARED PERSON

- (a) \* **Family name(s):** ..... Hong.....
- (b) \* **Given names(s):** ..... Nam-seok.....
- (c) Pseudonyms or other forms besides given name, by which he or she may be known: .....N/A.....
- (d) Sex: ☒ male / ☐ female
- (e) Occupation/profession..... businessman (before the war, was building a chemical factory in Andong), head of village.....
- (f) Father's name: .....Hong, Tae-yun..... Mother's name.....Sin, Gang-hee.....
- (g) Date of birth: .....October 26, 1910.....
- (h) Place and country of birth: .....Samgye-ri, Cheongbuk-myeon, Pyeongtaek-gun, Gyeonggi Province.....
- (i) Was the person below 18 years-old at the moment of the disappearance? ☐yes / ☒no
- (j) Identity document (passport, national identity card, voter's card or any other relevant national identity card)
- Type ..... Notice of Decision as Korean War Abductee .....
- Number..... N/A .....
- Date of issue: ..... April 6, 2012.....
- Place and country of issue: Place and country of issue: ..... Seoul, Republic of Korea .....
- (k) Nationality or nationalities: .....Republic of Korea.....
- (l) Address of usual residence: .....Samgye-ri, Cheongbuk-myeon, Pyeongtaek-gun, Gyeonggi Province.....
- (m) Any other place of residence at the moment of the disappearance .....N/A.....
- (n) Marital status:...Married..... (o) Indigenous: ☒yes / ☐no (p) Pregnant: ☐yes / ☒no

#### 2. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FACTS

- (a) \* **Date of arrest, abduction or disappearance** (at least month and year) .....July 22, 1950.....
- (b) \* **Place of arrest, abduction or where the disappearance occurred** (be as precise as possible. Indicate street, city, province or any other relevant information)
- .....Meeting room in the town warehouse.....
- (c) \* **Date when the person was last seen** (at least month and year), if different from date of arrest or abduction (for example: if seen in a prison months after the initial arrest or abduction)
- ..... July 22, 1950.....

(d) \* **Place where the person was last seen** (if different from place of arrest or abduction. For example: if seen in a prison months after the initial arrest or abduction. Please, be as precise as possible. Indicate street, city, province or any other relevant information) ..... N/A .....

(e) **Please, provide a full description of how the disappearance took place** (attach one page if necessary. Please note that, although this is not a required element, providing a description as detailed as possible of the circumstances of the disappearance will enhance the possibilities to find the person).....

..... When I was ten, the Korean War began. It also happened to begin when I was on summer vacation. My father had returned home from the Andong factory because of the family. However, the communist army soldiers shot at our house demanding our father come out. My father had gone into hiding because he knew they were looking for him, and was saved because of it. However, the communists continued to threaten us, saying that if he did not give himself up they would kill his entire family. The communist army said it would take the land from the landowners and divide it among the people, so ignorant people who did not even know the Korean written script were all up in arms trying to find where my father had gone into hiding.

There seemed to be low-key communists in our neighbourhood because a friend we had saved by hiding him in a large pot when the South Korean government was looking for communists ended up going around trying to catch my father. Ultimately, my father came out of hiding when they threatened to kill his family. He slept one day at home and then headed to the meeting hall.

There was a large storage house in the village, and everyday the communist army came out and told the villagers to learn songs or that a meeting was being held. All those who refused to come out were deemed anti-communist elements. We were also forced to go out and learn communist army songs, shout hurrah, hurrah, and listen to speeches. My father also went out because he was worried that he would be branded an anti-communist.

At 11 am that day, male and female communist soldiers came to our house. They started shooting and looking for my father. Frightened, my mother said he had gone to the meeting hall and the horde headed after him there. After capturing him at gunpoint, my father continued to stare in our direction as he was carried away. That was the last time we saw him.

Only our father was taken away that day, but rumour has it that a large amount of people including my father's friends like county leaders, police officers, and others were taken away. I also heard that he was beaten so badly that skin peeled off and blood stained his white pants. I heard that from people who had been captured and released.

(f) \* **State or State-supported forces believed to be responsible for the disappearance.** If the perpetrators are believed to be State agents, please specify and indicate who and why they are believed to be responsible. Be as precise as possible (military, police, persons in uniform or civilian clothes, agents of security services, unit to which they belong, rank and functions, identifications presented, etc.).....

.....Communist soldiers wearing uniforms and carrying guns. ....

(g) If identification as State agents is not possible, please indicate why you believe that Government authorities, or persons linked to them, may be responsible for the incident.....

..... My father had long worked as the local mayor and had acquired much support and trust from the community. He was a community leader at the time, and as a result was deemed an anti-communist.....

(h) If there are witnesses to the incident, please provide their names and relation to the victim. If they wish to remain anonymous, indicate if they are relatives, by-standers, or others. If there is evidence, please specify.

.....Hong Neung-ja (daughter of the abductee, born in 1941).....

(i) Additional Information on the case. Please indicate any other relevant information that could be useful to find the person ....., Tall, handsome. Had five children.....

### 3. INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTIONS TAKEN AFTER THE DISAPPEARANCE

**\* Indicate any action taken** (police inquiries, jail, human rights commission, habeas corpus petition etc.) **taken by the relatives or others to locate the person.** You are required to state the following: when, by whom, and before which organ the actions were taken.

**(a) Complaints** (when, by whom, and before which organ/s).....N/A.....

**(b) Other steps taken** (when, by whom, and before which organ/s).....

i) In 1956, the Korean National Red Cross registered information on abductees through their family members, and compiled a list for the International Committee of the Red Cross to submit to North Korea, to find out about these ‘displaced civilians’ whereabouts. Mr. Kim Yu-yon’s case was also registered by his family, but the family have never received any reply or information on his whereabouts.

ii) Also on June 25-Aug 31, 1964, the Chosun Tribune newspaper and Korean National Red Cross collaboratively carried out a “One million signature-collecting campaign for Korean War Abductees’ Repatriation”, and it was submitted to the United Nations, but turned down because the wartime civilian issues were deemed to fall under the jurisdiction of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

iii) Dec 13, 2011, KWAUFU advocates the drafting and passing of House Resolution 376, a U.S. congressional House resolution.....

**(c) If no action was not taken, please explain why**.....

The children of the abductee were so young at the time they could not go around to find him. They could only wait for his return while hearing rumours people told them.....

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### 4. PERSON OR ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING THE COMMUNICATION

**\* Person submitting the communication**

(a) Family name: ..... Hong .....

(b) First name: ..... Neung-ja .....

(c) Relationship with the disappeared person: .....daughter of the abductee.....

(d) Contact details (address, telephone, fax, email) .....

**\* Organization submitting the communication (if applicable)**

(e) Contact details (address, telephone, fax, email): .....

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: ..... Nov.11, 2013..... **Place:** ..... Republic of Korea.....