Dear Ambassador

**Young Won (male aged 19) Moon Chul and,JUNG Gwang Young (both male,and aged 18), LEE Gwang Hyuk, PARK Gwang Hyuk and YOO Gwang Hyuk ( all male and aged 17), RYU Chul Yong (male aged 16) JANG Hae Ri (female aged 15 and ROH Ae Ji (female,aged 14)**

It has come to my attention that the nine teenagers listed above have been forcibly returned to North Korea. Last month they had made their own way to Laos, where they were detained. It is reported that they were then returned to North Korea via Beijing.

But it is very unclear what has happened to these nine young people, I urge your Government to disclose their whereabouts as there is great concern for their safety. Please ensure that Young Won, Moon Chul, JUNG Gwang Young, LEE Gwang Hyuk, PARK Gwang Hyuk, YOO Gwang Hyuk, RYU Chul Yong, JANG Hae Ri and ROH Ae Ji are not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment such as forced labour. In particular please ensure they do not “disappear” or be sentenced to death.

I urge the North Korean authorities to stop detaining and prosecuting its citizens for trying to leave the country and to abolish the requirement for permission to travel internally and abroad.

Please let me know the whereabouts of Young Won, Moon Chul, JUNG Gwang Young, LEE Gwang Hyuk, PARK Gwang Hyuk, YOO Gwang Hyuk, RYU Chul Yong, JANG Hae Ri and ROH Ae Ji and ensure their on-going safety.