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To: Ms. Beatriz Balbin Chief Special Procedures Branch Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

From: Mr. Daniel Kim President GR Group

Dear Ms. Beatriz Balbin,

Grace Road Church and GR Group consists of true Christians who see, hear, believe and act according to the Bible. As the disciples of Jesus formed a community [Acts 4:32-35], we are a group of people who formed a holy community to live without sinning and to make a world where only God is God in this age. Hence, the motto of our group is 'honesty, sincerity, and diligence before God & men.'

For the past 13 years, Reverend Shin has been reproving the churches for their lies differing from the Bible based on the Bible. She has been calling for the perfect reformation of all who confess to be followers of God. Because of this, there have been constant attacks from the churches accusing our Reverend as a cult just like Jesus and his disciples experienced at their time by proclaiming the truth. There were also so-called 'cult experts' who accused our church as a cult without due process or any basis. This group, consisting of some pastors and lay Christians, has always viciously and maliciously slandered our Reverend and our activities in Korea and Fiji.

Furthermore, some of those who left our community joined those group and slandered our Reverend and church with false witnesses, caused unspeakable shame and reproach, and led to the imprisonment of our Reverend and members with the heavy sentences. What they claimed are completely false. All our members came to Fiji with purpose and mission given by God. We have been waiting for your organisation to show an interest in our situation. I sincerely invite your organisation to visit us in Fiji and investigate directly. Your organisation is welcome anytime.

All members of Grace Road Church are not employees. We are the church members, who discerned the will of God recorded in the Bible through our Reverend Okjoo Shin, and volunteered to migrate to Fiji. Those who claimed to be victims too came to Fiji voluntarily and lived with us like one big family in God. However, they came with their own self-interests and when things didn't go as planned, they left our church and joined in slandering us without cause. Please find out the truth by coming to Fiji and meeting all our members in Fiji.

As a group, we are very angry and frustrated about slandering, court proceedings, imprisonment of our reverend and the media coverage. We sincerely ask your organisation to objectively find out what is happening, let everyone know what is true and what is not, and stop this human rights violation and oppression against our group.

We have already contacted the Pacific regional office of Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on 10 November 2019 in order to expose how reporting and handling of this case has been distorted and done wrongly and how it caused human rights violation to our community. We would like to bring light to the truth. Your organisation's visit is welcome anytime and we look forward to a day when it is revealed what the truth is and the justice is served.

I acknowledge that GR Group received Joint Communication from Special Procedures - JAL OTH 32/2020.

I look forward to hearing a positive response from you soon.

Yours Faithfully,

GR Group

Daniel Kim

President

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