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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and has the honour to submit, as enclosed, the additional response of the Government of the Republic of Korea to the joint communication from Special Procedures, dated 15 November 2024 (AL KOR 4/2024).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) the assurances of its highest consideration.

10 February 2025

Enclosed : as stated



Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

The Government of the Republic of Korea's Response to the Joint Communication from Special Procedures

(February 10, 2025)

1. Information on the measures adopted by the government to ensure the preservation and integrity of the building of the old Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Management Center of Dongducheon.

On October 14, 2024, the Korea Heritage Service sent an official note to the Dongducheon City Government, the competent authority and property owner, requesting the submission of relevant statements and related documents necessary for assessing the value of the building as a cultural heritage¹.

On October 17, 2024, officials from the Korea Heritage Service visited the Dongducheon City Government to convey its position. During the meeting, they called on the City Government to refrain from pushing ahead with the demolition of the building for the sake of public safety and find a workable resolution in consultation with the relevant civil society groups.

On the following day, Dongducheon City Government officials visited the Korea Heritage Service to explain their views on the issue. They said that the City Government was not considering pushing ahead with the demolition of the building. They further stated that they had scheduled another meeting between the mayor of Dongducheon City and the civil society groups and would continue to engage with civil society actors throughout the process.

In this regard, the Korea Heritage Service will take the necessary follow-up actions, including evaluating the value of the building as a cultural heritage and the possibility of its registration as a cultural heritage in accordance with relevant regulations and procedures, upon receipt of statements and related documents from the Dongducheon City Government. /END/

¹ The Dongducheon City Government attempted unsuccessfully to demolish the building on October 8 and 13, 2024.