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**David Edwards**

General Secretary, Education International

I am pleased to inform you that the Korean Teachers and Education Workers Union (KTU) was 'legalized' again on September 4<sup>th</sup>, and the KTU starts newly as a legitimate union.

The Supreme Court of the Republic of Korea announced that the notification of the government depriving the KTU of its legal status as a trade union was a measure that infringed on the KTU's independence. The Court declared the notification null and void for that reason on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Accordingly, the Korean government canceled its 2013 notification that the KTU was not a trade union on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and, after 7 years of struggle, the KTU has regained its legal status.

The 60,000 KTU members will not forget the support and the spirit of international solidarity shown by Education International (EI) over the past 7 years of struggle for union independence. In addition, we will never forget that the solidarity shown by our sisters and brothers in teachers' unions under the banner of Education International was the most powerful force in the fight.

The KTU will take the lead in pursuing quality education in conjunction with education unions around the world. Once again, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the solidarity of Education International and its affiliates in our fight for union independence, justice, and democracy. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

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