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To H.E. Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Union

Brussels, 26th November 2010

Dear Mr. Van Rompuy,

The bombing of the South-Korean island Yeonpyeong, by neighbouring state North Korea, dangerously increased tensions on the Korean peninsula. The death of four people caused by the armed action is unacceptable. Pax Christi, the International Catholic Peace Movement, firmly condemns this aggressive act.

With the incidents occurring in recent months, the sinking of the South Korean navy ship Cheonan and the revealing of North Korea's brand new uranium enrichment facilities, an escalation of the current situation is not impossible. This is illustrated by the increase of military force in the region.

A military confrontation between both North and South Korea would be extremely dangerous and could have serious repercussions on interregional and global stability. Pax Christi International, Pax Christi Wallonie-Bruxelles and Pax Christi Flanders therefore call upon both states to renounce the aggressive statements made in recent days and introduce dialogue. We also kindly ask the EU to take up the role of facilitator to restart the six party negotiations between North and South Korea, Japan, China, the US and Russia.

Yours sincerely,

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