

A Letter of Support from the Korean Statistical Society

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Mr. Frank La Rue:
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression
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Dear Mr. Frank La Rue,

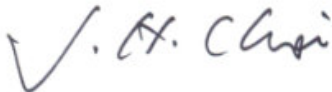
The Korean Statistical Society strongly supports the stand of the American Statistical Association regarding recent actions by the government of Argentina.

The Korean Statistical Society is deeply concerned about repressive measures taken by the government of Argentina against statisticians and allied professionals for compiling and disseminating statistics using methods that the government does not approve of. These acts including harassing letters, confiscatory fines, and threats of criminal prosecution may be apparently in violation of several international and regional treaties to which Argentina is a party.

We believe that it is very important for anyone to have the right to freedom of opinion and expression. Whether intentionally or unintentionally, the wrongs committed against the freedoms of statisticians and civil society served by them should be stopped. The Korean Statistical Society requests the Argentine government to reconsider its repressive attacks on the collection, dissemination, and use of statistics.

It is high time that the UN Special Rapporteur should take strong action to protect statisticians and allied professionals of Argentina targeted from further harm.

Sincerely,



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President of the Korea Statistical Society, 2010-2011.