

OPINION No. 14/1998 (REPUBLIC OF KOREA)

Communication addressed to the Government on 11 December 1997

Concerning: Kim Yong and Suh Joon-Shik

The State is a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

1. The Working Group on Arbitrary Detention was established pursuant to resolution 1991/42 of the Commission on Human Rights. The mandate of the Working Group was clarified and extended pursuant to resolution 1997/50. Acting in accordance with its methods of work, the Working Group forwarded the above-mentioned communication to the Government.
2. The Working Group expresses its appreciation to the Government for having provided the information required in a timely manner.
3. The Working Group also notes that the Government has informed it that the above-mentioned persons are no longer in detention. According to the source, Kim Yong was released on 13 March 1998 following an amnesty by the President of the Republic. According to the Government, Suh Joon-Shik was released on bail on 5 February 1998. His release was also confirmed by the source.
4. Having examined the available information, and without prejudging the nature of the detention, the Working Group decides to file the cases of Kim Yong and Suh Joon-Shik under the terms of paragraph 17 (a) of its methods of work.

Adopted on 16 September 1998.