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Resolution

The participants of the 4th International Conference on Human Rights Education heard directly from former political prisoners in Taiwan while discussing the situation of human rights education in the world. They acknowledge the positive activities of the Taiwanese Government to compensate the victims of the human rights violations during Martial Law in Taiwan and their efforts to establish a human rights museum in Taipei and on Green Island but are also concerned about the unresolved situation of former political prisoners.

This conference therefore calls on the government of Taiwan to:

1. Provide a formal public apology from the Government of Taiwan to former political prisoners for their suffering under martial law;
2. Provide publicly funded rehabilitation services to all former political prisoners;
3. Provide unrestricted public access to all government records about political prisoners;
4. Ensure that the past human rights violations are acknowledged and taught to school children in Taiwan in order to promote democracy and the rule of law;
5. Ensure that Individuals responsible for human rights violations during martial law are prosecuted;
6. Establish an independent commission of truth and justice to record the stories about persecution from former political prisoners and to facilitate reconciliation and prosecution of those that are responsible for human rights violations;
7. Remove the criminal records of former political prisoners.

Signed on behalf and for the Conference Participants:

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Shioh-duan Hawang' and the second is 'Sev Ozdowski'.

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