



Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Case No: 10011673

NAME: Kim

First Name: Hye-Yeong

First Transmission:

Case clarified: No

Copied countries: China

I. Identity of the person

NAME: Kim

First Name: Hye-Yeong

Sex: Female

Age:

Birthday: 22-Feb-1972

Citizenship: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Profession: ARTIST

Civil status: DIVORCED

Home address: Hyesan-dong 53-ban Hyesan City, Ryanggang Province Democratic People's Republic of Korea

II.1 Date of abduction

Apr-2009

III.1 Place of abduction

City: Tonghua

District:

Province: Jilin Province

Country: China

IV.1 Responsible forces

Forces: North Korean State Agents

II.2 Date of detention

Oct-2009

III.2 Place of detention

City: Hyesan

District:

Province:

Country: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Prison name: an underground prison in the State Security

V. Steps Taken

No steps taken

Date:

VI. Information concerning the author of the present report

Confidential

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VII. Summary



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It was reported that:

Ms. Hye-Yeong Kim, born on 22 February 1972, was abducted in April 2009 in Tonghua (通化), Jilin Province, China by DPRK agents who presumably acted in concert with the Chinese authorities. It is believed that Ms. Kim was transferred to an underground prison in the State Security Department detention center in Hyesan city, DPRK. However, persons associated with Ms. Kim's did not receive any information from the DPRK authorities as to her fate and whereabouts. They learned from informal sources that Ms. Kim suffered from tuberculosis while in detention and eventually had to be hospitalized. Despite her severe health condition, Ms. Kim was sentenced to 10 years of political prison camp between October and November 2010.

Ms. Kim is believed to have received such harsh punishment due to her prior affiliation with the North Korean government. Working as a member of the performing arts crew, she used to organize and participate in discrete performances for high-ranking officials.

At the time of the present communication, the fate and whereabouts of Ms. Hye-Yeong Kim remain unknown.