

Press Release Draft:

North Korean Defectors and NGO to host movie screening

Geneva Switzerland – March 14, 2014 - The NGO, People for Successful COrean REunification (PSCORE), will host a film screening of the North Korean human rights film, *The Apostle*, followed by a Q+A with a panel of North Korean defectors **on March 19, 2014 at the Palais des Nations, Room XXI, 16h-18h.**

The film highlights the persecution of Christians in North Korea. The main character Chul-ho (Kim In-kwon) and his wife support an underground church in North Korea. When their ties to the church are discovered they are marked as 1st degree political criminals and sent to detention camp. Although Chul-Ho manages to escape into China, he returns to North Korea to fulfil a promise to his wife: to take the other members of their church to South Korea. The State Security Agency becomes suspicious again at his return and quickly gets closer to discovering the truth.

PSCORE's film screening follows a street campaign **at 1.30pm**, when PSCORE's founder, Young-Il Kim, will deliver a letter to the Permanent Mission of the DPRK to the United Nations in Geneva, to raise awareness of the human rights crisis in North Korea and ask the North Korean leader to stop the obvious and inhumane treatment of his citizens.

People for Successful Corean Reunification (PSCORE) is a non-religious and non-partisan NGO based in Seoul, South Korea and was founded in 2006 by Young-Il Kim, a former North Korean soldier who escaped the country with his family. Along with a group of South Koreans and foreigners, Young-Il Kim created PSCORE to advocate for the rights of North Korean people and to provide North Korean defectors with a platform to discuss democracy and human rights.

PSCORE is the only North Korean human rights NGO registered with the UN ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council). It was the first organization to testify before the UN on behalf of North Korean defectors. PSCORE has pushed for the creation of a special research organization focusing on human rights abuse in North Korea.

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