

# Petition

## Fair treatment of North Korean refugees in China

To the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, London

North Korea is one of the world's most repressive regimes – and one of the severest persecutors of the Christian church. Every year thousands of North Koreans flee into China, making the dangerous journey along the so-called 'underground railroad' to find refuge in a neighbouring third country, such as Vietnam,

Laos or Mongolia. The Chinese government does not recognise these North Koreans as refugees, but forcibly repatriates around 4,000 a year to North Korea, where they face imprisonment, torture and even summary execution. This violates the 1951 UN Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, which

China has signed.

**I wish to express my grave concern at China's treatment of North Koreans and the humanitarian workers who assist them.**

**I strongly urge the government of China to act compassionately towards the men, women and children**

**escaping from the repressive regime of North Korea by granting them refugee status; halting their victimisation by human traffickers while in China; giving them safe passage to third countries; and by immediately stopping the forcible repatriation of North Koreans.**



**Please sign this petition and help make a difference for North Korean refugees in China. Further information: [www.runforyourlife.info](http://www.runforyourlife.info)**

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