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I would like to sincerely congratulate you on the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth being held in Windhoek, Namibia. AIDS is a disaster that has spread all over the world. Especially young people are easily infected and fall victim to it. In light of this, the World Assembly of Youth has adopted the theme *Youth Rise to Meet the HIV/AIDS Challenge* for the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The discussions among youth groups and leaders from all over the world about common measures to fight this calamity will be very significant and worthy.

The Korean government and I, personally, appreciate the National Youth Council in Namibia, the Namibia Government and the World Assembly of Youth for their dedicated efforts in preparing for this General Assembly.

The Korean government strongly supports this General Assembly and will join in the efforts of the World Assembly of Youth, the National Youth Council of Korea and all the youth groups around the world to protect young people from AIDS.

I trust that this General Assembly will be very successful and will make great advances in helping solve this calamity that affects all humankind. In addition, I hope that activities of the World Assembly of Youth and youth leaders will gain momentum, cooperation between all youth groups in the world will be strengthened and the World Assembly of Youth will be further developed through this General Assembly.

Thank you.