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Dear Mr. Chung:

I would like to respectfully draw your attention to the major risks of signing a contract for electronic voting technology in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Congo).

The Enough Project is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization (NGO) that works to advance good governance and human rights in East and Central Africa. Our work in Congo spans a decade and includes major international campaigns related to the issue of conflict minerals. We collaborate closely with The Sentry, which conducts financial forensic investigations to expose the link between corruption and violence. Our work currently focuses on ensuring a credible democratic transition.

We strongly support credible and transparent elections in Congo, but the electoral process to date has been characterized by a lack of transparency. Leaders within Congolese civil society raise serious concerns that use of voting technology will be manipulated by the Government of the DRC to perpetuate electoral fraud. We find the fact that there has been no public tender for a contract for electronic voting machines concerning, and we share civil society fears that use of controversial technology will endanger Congo's opportunity for a peaceful transfer of power.

We would like to highlight these risks to Miru Systems before any contracts are signed and ask you to consider the reputational risks to your company in continuing to engage in a non-transparent process. We would also like to remind you that the Republic of Korea is a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises include adherence to anti-corruption best practices in international business, as well as mitigating against contributing to potential human rights abuses.

Numerous NGOs, as well as senior officials such as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley, and news media outlets, share our concerns. We have begun highlighting risks to the electoral process in discussions among our partners, but if the voting machines contract is signed, we plan to do so in a much more public manner. Our past campaigns received major coverage within international press outlets from CNN to the New York Times to the BBC, and we may begin outreach to the Korean National Contact Point for the OECD.

Thank you very much, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions. My email address is sasha@enoughproject.org and phone number is +1-703-485-6949.

Respectfully,

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