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## **Christopher Reeve to Speak on Videotaped Message**

Superman Christopher Reeve, who recently died of heart attack, is expected to deliver a videotaped message on Wednesday (local time) that calls for the use of therapeutic human stem cell research.

The message will be shown during a press conference by Professor Hwang Woo-suk of Seoul National University, at UN headquarters. Professor Hwang is the Korean scientist who successfully cloned human stem cells for the first time in history.

The press conference is planned by the Permanent Mission of Korea and will be attended by officials from the UN and U.S.-based NGOs, including the Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) and the Coalition of the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR). The message is to stop the movement to fully ban cloning research.

At the end of the press conference, Reeve will make his speech by video, which was recorded in June. The paralyzed actor was initially invited to speak at the conference, before his sudden death last week.

There are two bills at present competing in the UN -- one sponsored by Costa Rica that calls for the ban of all forms of cloning research and the other sponsored by Korea that calls for selective therapeutic cloning.