



AMBASSADOR / PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN GENEVA

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Geneva, 24 May 2018

Dear Special Procedure Mandate Holders (SPMHs),

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your Joint Communication Ref AL IDN 4/2018 dated 23 May 21018 regarding oil spill on the Balikpapan Bay in East Kalimantan Indonesia addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Ms. Retno Lestari Priansari Marsudi.

I have forwarded the Joint Communication to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and relevant ministries/authorities in Indonesia and will forward the responses from the Government to you as soon as I receive them.

It would be much appreciated if your engagement with the media on the issue is not made before our formal response from the capital is provided. To my view, this is important to prevent public misperceptions or inaccurate judgments, which could derail authorities from completing the necessary steps taken, including the ongoing investigation.

Allow me also to remind you that the spirit of your mandates and the principles of Human Rights Council as stipulated in UNGA resolution 60/251 as well as HRC resolution 5/1, is to have engagement and dialogue with concerned states. Therefore, these spirit and principles should be prioritized over the usage of media coverage. Furthermore, before receiving your letter, the Government has already taken proactive approach to alert the public.

I recognize your letter as a good initial step for engagement and dialogue with Indonesia and I look forward to having a continued constructive engagement with you in the future.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

Hasan Kleib

Ambassador/Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations,
WTO and Other International Organisations in
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1. ***Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, Mr. Baskut Tuncak.***
2. ***Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, Ms. Anita Ramasastry***
3. ***Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, Mr. John H. Knox***
4. ***Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, Mr. Dainius Puras***

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