



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

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your joint communication No. AL IDN 5/2018 dated 30 August 2018 regarding the Ahmadis in East Lombok. Let me first of all, express my appreciation for engaging with the Government of Indonesia through your letter.

I would like to inform you that your letter has been forwarded to relevant authorities in Jakarta. I also wish to highlight that Indonesia is a party to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and also a co-sponsor of the Human Rights Council Resolution on freedom of religion. It is also worth emphasizing that Indonesia's Constitution fully guarantees the right to freedom of expression and freedom of religion for Indonesia citizens. In line with the UDHR article 29 (2), ICCPR article 18 (3) and our Constitution article 28 (j), Indonesia acknowledges that there are agreed limitation to such exercise of freedom of expression and freedom of religion and that the limitation occurs only if such rights contravene with public order, morality, interest and peace and security.

With regard to the incident towards the Ahmadis in East Lombok, the Indonesian Police is currently undergoing the investigation process with the assistance from the team of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Furthermore, the Indonesia's National Commission for Child Protection has established a trauma healing centre for Ahmadiyya children in East Lombok after the incident.

While waiting for a comprehensive response from capital, I would also like to highlight the importance of engagement and dialogue between Special Procedures Mandate Holders and the Governments as stipulated in the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 60/251 as well as Human Rights Council Resolution 5/1. It is essential that the Special Procedure Mandate holders should observe the complete response from the Government of Indonesia to have a balanced perspective towards the case.

Allow me to reiterate the commitment of the Government of Indonesia to protect all of our citizens regardless their religion, faith and belief.

Yours sincerely,

Hasan Kleib

Ambassador/Permanent Representative

To:

Ms. Agnes Callamard, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions,

Ms. Ahmed Shaheed, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

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