



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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Let me first of all, express my appreciation for engaging with the Government of Indonesia through your letter. I wish to acknowledge receipt of your joint communication No. AL IDN 4/2019 dated 15 March 2019 regarding the alleged arson attack to the premise of Mr. Murdani, Executive Director of Wahana Lingkungan Hidup Indonesia (WALHI).

Furthermore, I would like to inform you that your letter has been forwarded to relevant authorities for their perusal and I will update you on the allegations which once they have been verified. It is worth emphasizing that Indonesia is a party to International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the Indonesia's Constitution fully guarantees the right to freedom of opinion and expression and freedom of peaceful assembly and of association.

As you have indicated in your letter, the Indonesian Police is currently undergoing the investigation process of the alleged case. While waiting for a comprehensive response from capital, I would also like to highlight the importance of a balanced coverage, without prejudging the accuracy of the information as received by the SPMHs. The 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 is also crucial. In this regard, it would be highly appreciated that you would consider the comprehensive explanation provided by the Government of Indonesia.

Allow me to reiterate the commitment of the Government of Indonesia to protect all of our citizens including human rights defenders. We stand ready to collaborate constructively towards this end.

Yours sincerely,



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Ambassador/Permanent Representative

To:

Mr. Surya Deva, Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

Mr. David Boyd, Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment

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

Ms. David Kaye, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression,

Mr. Clement Nyaletsossi Voule, Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

Mr. Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders.

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