

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

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Geneva, 4 April 2019

Dear Special Procedure Mandate Holders (SPMHs),

Through this letter, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your joint communication (JC) with reference No. AL IDN 6/2019 dated 2 April 2019 regarding the alleged forced displacement of the people in the Nduga Regency and various regencies of the Papua province.

Regarding the accuracy of the information received by the SPMHs, I would like to convey that the allegations and concerns mentioned in your JC have been forwarded to the Minister for Foreign Affairs as well as relevant authorities in the capital for further verification. Rest assured, I will update you should there be any developments.

While waiting for the capital's comprehensive response, let me use this opportunity to ascertain that there is no military operation in Nduga Regency as has been made clear by the Head of the Provincial Police in Papua. In responding to the criminal acts committed by the armed criminal group, the Government of Indonesia has tried to protect public order in Nduga Regency and bring perpetrators to justice through a law enforcement operation.

Finally, I also would like to remind the SPMHs to strongly adhere to the principles of impartiality and even handedness in your information-gathering activities as mandated in the SPMHs' code of conduct.

Please accept, Madams, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador/ Permanent Representative

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

2. Ms. Victoria Lucia Tauli-Corpuz, Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples;

3. Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons;

4. Ms. E. Tendayi Achiume, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

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