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H.E. Mr. SUSILO BAMBANG YUDHOYONO

President
Republic of Indonesia

Your Excellency,

We are honored to write you again on behalf of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, a global network of more than 2,500 non-governmental and civil society organizations in 150 countries, campaigning for a fair, effective and independent Court and increased access to justice for victims of crimes against humanity, genocide and war crimes.

As part of its Universal Ratification Campaign for the month of June 2013, the Coalition respectfully wishes to reiterate our call to your government to fulfill its commitment to accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) as stated in your National Plan of Action on Human Rights.

With the recent ratification to the Rome Statute by Cote d'Ivoire on 15 February, 122 states have now joined this treaty – an impressive number considering that almost two thirds of the world's nations have now joined the system enshrined by the Statute over a period of only ten years. To date, however, only 17 states in the Asia-Pacific region have ratified the Statute, making this region one of the most under-represented within the Court. It is encouraging to note that of the six ratifications achieved in 2011, three of these were Asia-Pacific States: The Philippines, Maldives and Vanuatu. As a leading country in the ASEAN and in the Asia-Pacific region as a whole, Indonesia's membership to the Court is crucial.

The Coalition has monitored the accession process in Indonesia very closely through the work of our regional office as well as through local partners on the ground. We were happy to note the statement of the head of your government's delegation to the Rome Conference in 1998 supporting the establishment of the Court and declaring Indonesia's support to the ICC. We were also encouraged by the inclusion of accession of the Rome Statute in the 2011-2014 National Human Rights Plan of Action. As 2013 has come, we hope that Indonesia will finally meet this set target to accede to the Rome Statute of the ICC. We would also like to congratulate your government for its acceptance of the 12

recommendations concerning the accession of the treaty that it received during the 13th Session of the Universal Periodic Review held in Geneva in May 2012.

A few months ago, Indonesia's Deputy Minister of Law and Human Rights, Denny Indrayana, was sent to lead a delegation to the ICC to seek technical assistance on the accession process. Both the ICC, and more recently, a delegation from the Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) led by its president, Mr. Ross Robertson MP from New Zealand, were given assurances that your government was committed to ensuring that Indonesia accedes to the Rome Statute.

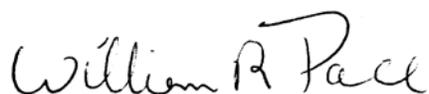
Your Excellency, the Coalition is aware of some of the obstacles and challenges faced by your government in the process of acceding to the Rome Statute. We respectfully call on your government to address these challenges through consideration of how states parties handled similar problems and move forward. Now is an opportune time to make your government's commitment to international justice a concrete reality.

Universal acceptance of the Rome Statute is important in order for the Court to dispense justice successfully and effectively and to fulfill its promise of deterring the most serious crimes and escalation of major conflicts. It would be in the best interest of Indonesia to be among the countries that support international justice and rule of law. As a state party, Indonesia can participate in the decision-making in the ICC through the Assembly of States Parties that meets annually, and can also nominate and elect Indonesians to key posts and other personnel of the Court.

We are confident that Indonesia's accession to the Rome Statute of the ICC will represent an important contribution to the Court. Thanks to its leadership in the region, its impact will be felt not only regionally, but globally.

Your Excellency, we sincerely urge your government to stand firm on your commitment to ratify. It will be your government's legacy to your people and to the world, this time and in the future.

Respectfully yours,



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