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Excellency,

I write to inform you that in the course of its 91<sup>st</sup> session, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has considered further the situation of potential human rights violations in the Indonesian provinces of Papua and West Papua under its early warning and urgent action procedures. In this regard, the Committee refers to its previous letter on the subject of 3 October 2016.

The Committee would like to thank your Government for its correspondence of 24 November 2016.

The Committee takes note of information provided by your Government, in particular your clarification that freedoms of expression and assembly are guaranteed under the Indonesian Constitution, are applied without discrimination, and that the Special Autonomy Law facilitates self-government and self-administration for Papuans.

The Committee wishes to alert the Republic of Indonesia that additional allegations of arbitrary arrest and detention of protestors of West Papuan origin have been reported to it, as well as recent instances of forced disappearances and extrajudicial killings of West Papuan community leaders seeking an independent state.

If substantiated, the above allegations that have been brought to the Committee's attention would hinder the full enjoyment of rights under the Convention in the State party, in particular the rights enshrined in article 2(b), article 3, article 4(c) and article 5(b), (c) and (d) viii, ix.

In accordance with article 9(1) of the Convention and article 65 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee would be grateful to receive another response outlining the current situation in Papua and West Papua and the policies and actions adopted by the security forces in the region. In particular, information detailing recent treatment of protestors, community leaders and human rights defenders would be welcomed before **3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**.

Finally, the Committee is encouraged to hear that the State party is in the process of finalizing its fourth to sixth combined periodic reports for review. It would also like to inform your Government that the above issues will be examined when the State party next comes before the Committee. The Committee looks forward to receiving the overdue reports from the Republic of Indonesia as soon as practicable.

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Again, I reiterate the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of Indonesia, with a view to assisting it to implement the Convention effectively.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anastasia Crickley".

Anastasia Crickley  
Chair

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination