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Excellency,

You will recall that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in a letter dated 13 March 2009, requested information on follow-up to its concluding observations on the report of Indonesia adopted in August 2007. In the same letter, the Committee also raised several issues in connection with indigenous peoples' rights to their lands and resources, on which it requested information to be provided by 31 July.

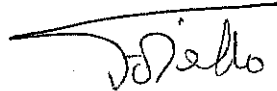
In the letter, reference was made in particular to the "Regulation on Implementation Procedures for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation" (REDD), adopted within the framework of the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change. According to information received, the property rights of indigenous peoples over traditional lands were not appropriately taken into account in the formulation of the Regulation, and financing for implementation is being sought from the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility without having secured the meaningful participation or consent of indigenous peoples. Thus, the Committee, after having preliminarily considered the matter under its early warning and early action procedure, expresses concern that indigenous peoples' rights to their lands, territories and resources may not be sufficiently recognized and protected in the process.

In light of the above, the Committee would like to request the State party to submit comments on the measures taken to safeguard the rights of indigenous communities whose territories are affected by this process and, more generally, to provide information on the implementation of the Committee's concluding observations adopted at its 71st session in 2007 (CERD/C/IDN/CO/3). The Committee requests to receive such information by 30 November 2009.

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Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to engaging in a constructive dialogue with the Government of Indonesia, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Dah', with a horizontal line above it.

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Elimination of Racial Discrimination