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LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF INDONESIA

PRESIDENT SUSILO BAMBANG YUDHOYONO

Dear Mr. President,

We, Laureates of the Right Livelihood Award, gathered in Salzburg, June 2005, respectfully call upon you to ensure that the ongoing investigations into the murder of our fellow Laureate, Munir, lead to the disclosure of the true perpetrators of his murder and to ensure that these persons are brought to justice without delay.

Munir, aged 38, died on board GARUDA Flight 974 from Jakarta to Amsterdam on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2004. The results of the autopsy carried out in The Netherlands identified a high level of arsenic, indicating that he had been murdered.

Munir was renowned for his fearless exposure of atrocities perpetrated over many years throughout Indonesia, particularly in West Papua and Aceh, as well as in the formerly occupied East Timor. During the course of his human rights activities, he worked as a lawyer for the Legal Aid Institute (LBH) and founded KONTRAS (Commission for the Disappeared and the Victims of Violence). Shortly before his death he founded IMPARSIAL for human rights advocacy and research in Indonesia. He was travelling to The Netherlands at the time of his death to take up a scholarship on human rights.

Investigations carried out by an independent Fact-Finding Team (TPF) set up by the human rights community and endorsed by yourself, reached the conclusion that his murder was the result of a high-level conspiracy. So far, only one person has been named as a suspect - Pollycarpus - an off-duty GARUDA pilot who was on the same flight and who was instrumental in persuading Munir to change his seat, thus facilitating his murder. Pollycarpus has since been identified as a secret agent of BIN, the Indonesian State Intelligence Agency. He travelled on the first leg of Flight 974 from Jakarta to Singapore, by virtue of a post-dated letter issued by a senior official of GARUDA.

During the course of their investigations, the TPF questioned a large number of persons, all of whom co-operated, with the exception of present and former officials of BIN. One person who is regarded as the prime suspect and who was head of BIN at the time of the murder, has refused to appear before the TPF for questioning.

The TPF is now approaching the end of its second mandate, which we understand cannot be further extended. This will leave the matter in the hands of the police, who have not shown the same diligence in carrying out a thorough investigation.

We therefore anticipate that the judicial authorities will not take account of the findings of the TPF, that the true perpetrators will not be brought to justice, nor will the nature of the whole conspiracy be uncovered, which the TPF identified as going to the heart of military intelligence.

This is not just a question of justice for Munir and his family but is also vital for the protection of the whole human rights community in Indonesia.

We would therefore request you to do everything in your power to ensure the satisfactory completion of the investigations and bring all the perpetrators of the murder to justice.

Signed by all Right Livelihood Award recipients at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Salzburg June 8-13, 2005.