



AMBASSADOR / PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN GENEVA

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Dear Special Procedure Mandate Holders,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Joint Communication No.AL IDN 4/2017 dated 31 July 2017 from the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights; the Working Group on the Issue of Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises; the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants; and the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery regarding the abusive labour practices of the United Seemac Co., a Saudi Construction Operator, in which a number of its labours are of Indonesian origin.

Let me also use this opportunity to convey my sincere gratitude to the Special Procedure Mandate Holders for bringing the issue to my attention and I am pleased to inform you that the Joint Communication has been relayed to the relevant authorities in Jakarta. As you might have been aware, the Government of Indonesia under the leadership of President of Joko Widodo has made the protection of Indonesian Citizens abroad inclusive to migrants, experts and labours as a high priority in both foreign and domestic policy agenda.

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia has ratified the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families on 2 May 2012 by Law No. 6 Year 2012. Although the Law on ratification has just been enacted in 2012, Indonesia has declared its commitment in the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant since its signing of the Convention on 22 September 2004. For example, Indonesia has already put in place several national legislations regarding the protection of migrant workers and members of their families namely Law No. 39/2004 on the Placement and Protection of Indonesian Overseas Workers and its implementing regulations as well as Law 21/2007 against the Trafficking of Migrant Workers prior to becoming a State Party. Meanwhile, after ratification, the Government of Indonesia also strengthened the existing legislations with the enactment of Government Regulation 3/2013 on the Protection of Indonesian Migrant Workers Abroad.

Finally, I will further update you on any developments on the issue and the follow-up from my capital. I look forward to work closely with you in the future.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Ambassador/Permanent Representative

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- 2. *Working Group on the Issue of Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises***
- 3. *Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants and the***
- 4. *Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery***

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