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Excellency,

I am writing to you both privately and as a Member of the European Parliament to express my deepest regret and concern over the recent executions carried out by your Administration and the announcement that many more are planned to be carried out this year.

During my tenure first as Head of the Portuguese Interest Section and later as Ambassador of Portugal in Jakarta, from 1999 to 2003, I had the privilege to witness firsthand the dramatic struggle as the Indonesian people and its society progressed towards democracy and the respect for human rights. I wish to go on cherishing these extraordinary memories and this news is most concerning as it sets Indonesia against the global trend towards abolition of the death penalty and the country's own progress in this area.

There is no convincing evidence that the death penalty deters crime more effectively than other punishments. I therefore am writing to urge Your Excellency to use all your power as President of the Republic to halt all plans to carry out any executions, instruct the Indonesian authorities to establish a moratorium on all executions commuting all death sentences to terms of imprisonment and to push forward the legal framework for Indonesia's abolishment of the death penalty. This gesture will certainly set a positive landmark in your presidency both in the eyes of the Indonesian people and the international community.

Yours sincerely,

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