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Excellency,

We are writing to you as Members of the European Parliament, to urge you to use all your power as President of the Republic of Indonesia to halt all plans to carry out all executions, including those of foreign nationals planned to be carried out shortly.

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 as an aftermath of the dramatic struggle at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, as the Indonesian people and its society progressed towards democracy and the respect for human rights.

There is no convincing evidence that the death penalty deters crime more effectively than other punishments. We therefore are writing to urge Your Excellency to use all your power as President of the Republic and 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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