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Mr. Guy Berger

Director of the Division for Freedom of Expression and Media Development Communication and Information Sector UNESCO Paris

Dear Mr. Berger,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 2 March 2016, Ref.: CI/FEM/FOE/fr/2016/33, requesting the status of legal investigation on the killing of an Indonesian journalist, Mr. Herliyanto, in 2006.

According to the latest information I received from my Government, the Indonesian National Police has investigated the case. Three out of seven suspects have been arrested and prosecuted accordingly. The other four suspects have been added to the Indonesian National Police Force fugitives' list.

I also wish to take this opportunity to reaffirm my Government's commitment to freedom of expression, including press freedom, as stipulated in our national law. Please rest assured that our delegation shall continue to provide regular updated information on this matter.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ambassador/Permanent Delegate
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