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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. On 21 June 1976, the President of the Security Council received a letter from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations, which read as follows:

"I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Popular Assembly of East Timor, in its meeting on 31 May 1976, adopted a decision to integrate the territory of East Timor with Indonesia. A petition embodying that decision was presented on 8 June 1976 by a delegation of the Provisional Government and the Popular Assembly of East Timor on 8 June 1976 to the President and the Parliament of Indonesia. In response to this petition, the Indonesian Government and Parliament has decided to send a mission for the purpose of making an on-the-spot assessment of the wishes of the people of East Timor, as formally expressed in the petition, to be integrated with Indonesia.

On behalf of the Government of Indonesia I have the honour to extend through Your Excellency an invitation to the Security Council to visit East Timor concurrent with the visit of the mission sent by the Indonesian Government. It is the earnest hope of my Government that the Council will be able to consider this invitation favourably."

2. On the same date, the President also received a note verbale from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia which read:

"The Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, with reference to the letter of the Permanent Representative to the President of Council dated 10 June 1976, No. 619/0429, wishes to inform the latter that the visit of the mission sent by the Government of Indonesia to East Timor for the purpose of making an on-the-spot assessment of the wishes of the people of East Timor is scheduled to commence on 24 June 1976."

3. Upon receipt of these communications, the President of the Security Council circulated them to the members of the Council.

4. After holding the necessary consultations with the members of the Council, the President of the Security Council, on 21 June 1976, addressed the following reply to the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations:

"I have the honour to acknowledge your letter No. 619/0429 and your note verbale No. 626/0429 of 10 June 1976 extending an invitation from the Government of Indonesia to the Security Council to visit East Timor from 24 June 1976.

"As Your Excellency is aware, the Security Council, which considered the situation in East Timor in December 1975 and again in April of this year, adopted two resolutions, 384 (1975) and 389 (1976), on the subject.

"Having regard to the decisions which it has taken on the situation in East Timor, the Security Council has concluded that it is unable to accept the invitation of the Government of Indonesia."
