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LETTER DATED 10 AUGUST 1976 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, a.i., OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF INDONESIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to our letter dated 6 August 1976, conveying the text of a cable addressed to Your Excellency by H.E. Mr. Arnaldo dos Reis Araujo, Former Chief Executive of the Provisional Government of East Timor, I have the honour to request that the text be circulated as a document of the Security Council under the item "The Situation in Timor".

(Signed) August MARPAUNG  
Ambassador  
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

Annex

TELEGRAM TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON 6 AUGUST 1976  
BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, a.i., OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF  
INDONESIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

With reference to my cables of 1, 7 and 8 June 1976, I have the honour to inform you of the following developments in East Timor:

1. On 31 May 1976, the duly elected People's Assembly of East Timor decided formally to request the Government of Indonesia to accept the decision of the people of East Timor for integration with the Republic of Indonesia.

2. On 7 June 1976, a petition containing the formal request for integration was presented to the President of Indonesia by a delegation consisting of members of the People's Assembly and the Provisional Government of East Timor.

3. On 24 June 1976, a delegation appointed by the Indonesian Government visited different parts of East Timor, including the capital, Dili, and other district capitals to ascertain whether the request was a genuine reflection of the wishes of the people. During the course of their visit, the delegation was accompanied by observers representing embassies accredited in Jakarta as well as by a number of foreign and Indonesian journalists.

4. On 29 June 1976, the Indonesian Cabinet accepted the request for integration with the Republic of Indonesia after careful consideration of the report rendered by the members of the fact-finding mission.

On 15 July 1976, the Indonesian Parliament adopted a draft bill submitted earlier by the President of the Republic proposing the integration of East Timor as the twenty-seventh province of the Republic of Indonesia.

5. On 17 July 1976, the statute of integration was signed into law and formally promulgated by the President of Indonesia. Effective from this date, the Territory of East Timor thus has become an integral part of the Republic of Indonesia.

I have the honour, therefore, to inform Your Excellency that as of 17 July 1976 all matters pertaining to the Territory of East Timor have come under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia. Henceforth, all communications regarding East Timor should be addressed to the Indonesian Government, its representatives or missions abroad.

(Signed) Arnaldo dos REIS ARAUJO  
Former Chief Executive of  
the Provisional Government of  
East Timor

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