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PERMANENT MISSION OF INDONESIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency a brief summary of the recent developments that have taken place in East Timor, as follows:

(1) On 7 June 1976 a delegation of the representatives of the people of East Timor, led by Mr. Arnaldo dos Reis Araujo, Chief Executive of the Provisional Government of East Timor, formally presented a petition requesting integration to President Soeharto of Indonesia.

(2) On 24 June 1976, a fact-finding mission was dispatched by the Indonesian Government to ascertain the wishes of the people of the Territory; at the invitation of the Government of Indonesia, foreign diplomats and the press were also present during the visit of the mission.

(3) After considering the petition of the People's Assembly which reflected the genuine wishes of the people of East Timor, and acting on the report of the fact-finding mission, on 15 July 1976, the Indonesian Parliament approved a bill concerning the integration of East Timor with Indonesia.

(4) On 17 July 1976, the legislative act concerning the integration of East Timor was signed into law and formally promulgated by President Soeharto, thus completing the process of integration.

(5) On 27 July 1976, in pursuance of an agreement concluded between the Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Portugal and a Delegation of the People of East Timor on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, the Indonesian Red Cross transferred 23 Portuguese military personnel and 136 Portuguese refugees from East Timor with their belongings to the aforementioned Special Representative.

I request you, Sir, to have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council under the item "The Situation in East Timor".

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