
LETTER DATED 7 MAY 1949 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NETHERLANDS
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONCERNING THE INDONESIAN
QUESTION

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that today, 7 May, the Delegations of the Netherlands and of the Republic of Indonesia met in Batavia, under the auspices and in the presence of the United Nations Commission for Indonesia, and made the following formal statements, endorsed by their respective governments.

The statement of the Chairman of the Republican Delegation, Dr. Mohammed Rum, reads as follows:

"As Chairman of the Republican Delegation I am authorized by President Sukarno and Vice President Mohammed Hatta to give their personal assurances that they favour, in conformity with the Security Council's Resolution of January 28th, 1949 and its directive of March 23rd:

1. The issuance of an order to the Republican armed adherents to cease guerrilla warfare;
2. Co-operation in restoration of peace and the maintenance of law and order, and
3. Participation in a round table conference at The Hague with a view to accelerate the unconditional transfer of real and complete sovereignty to the United States of Indonesia.

President Sukarno and Vice President Hatta undertake that they will urge the adoption of such a policy by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia as soon as possible after its restoration at Djokjakarta."

The statement of the Chairman of the Netherlands Delegation, Dr. J. H. van Roijen, reads as follows:

"1. The Netherlands Delegation is authorized to state that, in view of the undertaking just announced by Dr. Mohammed Rum, it agrees to the return of the Republican Government to Djokjakarta. The Netherlands Delegation agrees further to the setting up of one or more joint committees under the auspices of the United Nations Commission for Indonesia, for such purposes as:

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- A. to make the necessary investigations and preparations preliminary to the return of the Republican Government to Djokjakarta;
- B. to study and advise on the measures to be taken in order to effectuate the cessation of guerrilla warfare and the co-operation in the restoration and maintenance of law and order.
2. The Netherlands Government agrees that the Republican Government shall be free and facilitated to exercise its appropriate functions in an area of the residency of Djokjakarta and that this is a step taken in the light of the Security Council's directive of March 23rd, 1949.
3. The Netherlands Government re-affirms its willingness to insure the immediate discontinuance of all military operations and to release immediately and unconditionally all political prisoners arrested by them since December 17th, 1948 in the Republic of Indonesia.
4. Without prejudice to the right of self-determination of the Indonesian people as recognized by Linggadjati and the Renville principles, the Netherlands Government will refrain from the establishment or recognition of Negaras or Daerahs on territory under Republican control prior to December 19th, 1948, and from the expansion of Negaras and Daerahs affecting said territory.
5. The Netherlands Government favours the existence of the Republic as a state to take its place in the United States of Indonesia. When a provisional representative body for the whole of Indonesia is to be established and it consequently becomes necessary to determine the number of representatives from the Republic to said body, this number will be one half of the total membership exclusive of the Republican's membership.
6. Consonant with the intent of the Security Council's ruling of March 23rd, 1949, on the subject of the proposed round table conference at The Hague to the end that the negotiations contemplated by the resolution of January 28th, 1949, may be held as soon as possible, the Netherlands Government is fully prepared to do its utmost that this conference take place immediately after the return of the Republican Government to Djokjakarta. At this conference discussions will take place as to the way in which to accelerate the unconditional transfer of real and complete sovereignty to the United States of Indonesia in accordance with the Renville principles.
7. In the light of the necessary co-operation in the restoration of peace and the maintenance of law and order, the Netherlands Government agrees that in all those areas outside the residency of

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Djokjakarta where civil, police and other officials of the Government of Indonesia are not operating at present, the Republican civil, police and other officials, where still operating, will remain in function.

It is understood that the Netherlands authorities shall afford to the Republican Government such facilities as may reasonably be required by that Government for communication and consultation with all persons in Indonesia, including those serving in civil and military services of the Republic, and that the technical details will have to be worked out by the parties under the auspices of the United Nations Commission for Indonesia."

I would highly appreciate it if you would have the contents of this letter circulated to the Members of the Security Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. W. M. Snouck Hurgronje.

