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Dear Mr. Goose,

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter addressed to our Foreign Minister dated 30 January 2009.

In this regard, allow me to share with you some efforts that the Indonesian government has undertaken and our position in relation with some aspects of the Cluster Munition Convention (CCM), as follows:

First, on the ratification process, Indonesia as a signatory state to the CCM is currently in the process of carrying out socialization and dissemination about the Convention to the relevant stakeholders such as Department of Defense, Indonesian Armed Forces, the parliament and defense industry. We believe that the comprehensive understanding of the CCM is pertinent to expedite the ratification process right after the CCM has entered into force.

Second, on the detail of Indonesia's cluster munitions stockpile, we believe that the transparency measure is important in ensuring the full implementation of the CCM. In accordance with Article 7 of the Convention, Indonesia will provide its transparency report which contains the detail of its cluster munitions stockpile after the CCM has entered into force and Indonesia become a party to it.

Third, concerning the question of the relations with the non state party to the CCM, Indonesia is fully committed to all provisions of the Convention, including Article 21.3. In this regard, Indonesia has been and will continue its joint military exercise with other friendly countries, including non state parties to the CCM, with the utmost respect to all provisions of the CCM.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate Indonesia's commitment to and support of the achievement of the goals of the CCM.

Sincerely yours,

For the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Desra Percaya', written over a circular official stamp.

Dr. Desra Percaya
Director for International Security and Disarmament