**VOORBEELDBRIEF**

Aan: General Listyo Sigit Prabowo, Chief of Indonesian National Police

(plaats, datum)

Dear Mr. Prabowo,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the ongoing police investigation against human rights defenders Haris Azhar and Fatia Maulidiyanti. The two were reported to the police by the Coordinating Minister for Maritime and Investment Affairs, Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, on allegations of defamation under the Electronic Information and Transactions (ITE) Law. Furthermore, Luhut sued Haris and Fatia 100 billion rupiahs each (approximately USD 7 million).

The allegations relate to a video on Haris’ YouTube channel, where he and Fatia discuss a report about the alleged connections between military operations and mining activities in Intan Jaya Regency, in Papua. It is very distressing to learn that Haris and Fatia face criminal charges for simply exercising their right to freedom of expression, which is guaranteed under both international and national law.

Therefore, I urge you to drop the charges and close the investigation against Haris and Fatia.

Yours sincerely,

(naam, adres en handtekening)

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