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The United States warmly welcomes **Minister Na-ta-le-gawa** and the Indonesian delegation.

We applaud the continuing strong, independent work of the Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights.

And, we commend Indonesia for its pursuit of a prosperity approach in Papua, and the creation of the Unit for the Acceleration of Development in Papua and West Papua to address the roots of Papuan grievances.

We are concerned by the government's failure to create, publish and enforce a government wide framework of accountability for abuses by the military and the police. Additionally, military personnel are convicted of minor crimes not commensurate with the serious abuses they committed because Indonesia does not criminalize torture.

We remain concerned about the government's failure to protect certain religious minorities, particularly the Ahmadiyah [pron: AH-mah-dee-yah] and Christian communities.

We also remain concerned about allegations of human rights abuses in Papua and West Papua and the government's limitations on access to these areas by journalists and civil society organizations.

The United States makes that following recommendations:

1. Specifically criminalize torture in your criminal code and ensure that security officials are held accountable for torture and other human rights abuses;
2. End prosecutions under Articles 106 and 110 of your criminal code for exercising the internationally protected right of freedom of expression, and reevaluate the convictions and sentences of individuals prosecuted for those actions; and

3. Institute trainings and awareness campaigns for provincial and municipal officials in respect for the rule of law with regard to protecting the freedom of religion and other rights of members of religious minorities.