



SECRETARY-GENERAL

1 October 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the exchange of notes of 15 August 1962 between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Republic of Indonesia concerning their understanding that diplomatic relations would be resumed after the signing of the Agreement concerning West New Guinea (West Irian).

Now that the Agreement is not only signed, but also in force and its full implementation commenced with the transfer of authority over West New Guinea (West Irian) to the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority, I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to your Excellency to take the necessary measures for an exchange of diplomatic missions between the Netherlands and Indonesia as soon as possible. In making this appeal I have in mind not only the wish that friendly relations between Members of the United Nations should be furthered, but also the desire that all practicable steps may be taken to facilitate co-ordination and liaison between the Governments of the Netherlands and of Indonesia in support of UNTEA operations.

By resuming diplomatic relations both Governments will once again demonstrate their intention that the Agreement should be implemented in a spirit of good will and understanding as well as their resolve to support the United Nations to the full in the discharge of the onerous responsibilities it has assumed at their request. I would like to assure you that I am entirely at your disposal should you think that I could be of any assistance in acting as liaison between your Government and the Government of Indonesia in making arrangements for the exchange of diplomatic relations. I am addressing an appeal in identical terms to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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