

*Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken (Stikker) aan permanent vertegenwoordiger bij de Verenigde Naties (Von Balluseck), 30 okt. 1950*

Referte Uw telegram 107. In de gehouden Ministerraad werd de tekst van het statement inzake Nederlands standpunt goedgekeurd.

De inhoud luidt: "The Netherlands Government has followed with interest and appreciation the efforts of the UNCI in urging the Indonesian Government to facilitate by accepting the Committees' Good Offices, a peaceful solution of the conflict existing between the Indonesian Government and the population of Amboina, which conflict has now developed into actual fighting.

The Netherlands is no party in this conflict.

Although the Netherlands Government did not agree with the way in which implementation of the right of selfdetermination, to be achieved by strict adherence to the procedure agreed upon at the RTC has been made actually illusory by the Indonesian Government, it did not approve either of the methods applied by the Ambonese to realize their aims. It has not recognized the Republic of the South Moluccas and had declined any form of contact with its representatives. The Netherlands Government has always urged the Indonesian Government to avail of every appropriate opportunity of entering into peaceful consultation with the Ambonese population. The Netherlands Government expected that as a result of this recommended attitude this population would be prepared to assume of its own free will its proper place in the political structure of Indonesia. The UNCI's efforts have also been directed towards the same end.

However, a few weeks ago the Indonesian Government began a military action against Amboina. The Netherlands Government regrets this sincerely and hopes that ways and means will be found to reach a speedy termination of this action. Its attitude in this regard is based on moral and humanitarian grounds.

The Netherlands Government has noted with satisfaction, that the International Red Cross is prepared to alleviate the human misery caused by the present situation and hopes that the Indonesian Government will see its way to accept this offer of assistance.

The Netherlands also are directly interested in a speedy cessation of hostilities in view of the practical consequences of the conflict for the demobilisation and repatriation of Ambonese military personnel of former RNIA, at present located in camps in Java which are under Netherlands responsibility.

Under the agreements reached at the RTC this personnel has been guaranteed return to their homesteads in Amboina and the implementation of this promise in its turn is closely related to the problem of the speedy repatriation of the remnants of the RNA-troops which are at present still in Indonesia in charge of the guarding of the above mentioned camps as desired by the Netherlands Government.

A further procrastination of the present state of affairs would tend to create an increasing danger of armed clashes also outside Amboina, in which Netherlands troops unvoluntarily might be involved.

Moreover repatriation of this Ambonese personnel will become more and more difficult as the fighting in Amboina continues and the resultant destruction and desorganisation increases.

As for the present the Indonesian Government has not accepted its good offices, the UNCI in a report of October 11th 1950, has requested the Security Council to support its efforts.

The Netherlands Government hopes that compliance with this request will contribute to a speedy cessation of hostilities.'

Aan U wordt overgelaten op welke wijze en tijd U dit statement wilt gebruiken, maar daarbij dient uit te komen, dat dit een verklaring van de Nederlandse Regering is, zodat gebruik als informeel memorandum ter bevestiging van Uw gesprekken minder geëigend is. U zult bemerken dat in dit statement slechts zeer terloops aandacht aan het zelfbeschikkingsrecht wordt besteed. De Nederlandse Regering acht het in dit acute stadium bepaald ongewenst sterker nadruk op dit aspect te leggen.