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Dear Ms Lucas,

Thank you for your letter of 19 January 2007, regarding the human rights situation in the Indonesian province of Papua.

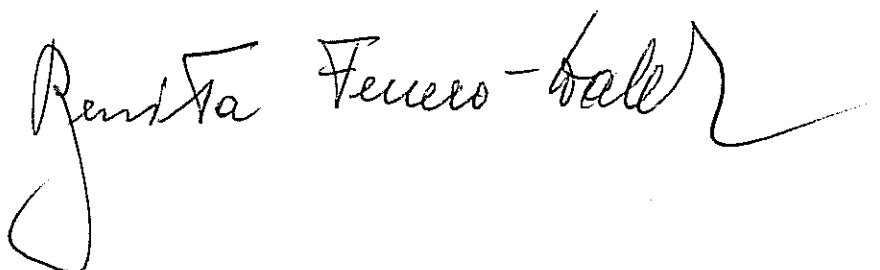
The Commission is following this situation very closely.

While the conflict pattern in West Papua is clearly very different from the one in Aceh, the need for a genuine dialogue among all stakeholders is similarly pressing. It seems to me that the full implementation of the Special Autonomy Law of 2001 for the province of Papua is essential by the Indonesian government.

At the same time, the European Commission is looking at opportunities to contribute to a peace process in the framework of Indonesia's territorial integrity. Furthermore, we have explicitly expressed our support for the abovementioned autonomy law and its full implementation.

The Commission nurtures a constructive dialogue with Indonesia. A few days ago, I met Foreign Minister Dr Hassan Wirayuda, and the EU Troika shall meet him again in mid-March. Occasions like these are being used to look constructively into improvements in the situation in West Papua.

Yours sincerely,



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