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To: Mr. Beslin Sihombing S.H.
The Chairman of the District Attorney of Maumere.
Jl. Ahmad Yani No. 18,
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INDONESIA

Re: Rejection of the death penalty for the defendant: Mr. Herman Jumat Masan.

Dear Sir:

VIVAT International is an NGO that promotes the primacy of life and the dignity of the human person as basic principles. And it is on this basis that we appeal to you now in asking for clemency in the judgement of Mr. Herman Jumat Masan.

We believe that no good will be served by awarding the death penalty to this person. We agree that the death penalty is contrary to the human rights of the person, namely the right to life. None of us has the right to deprive another of life.

The international Covenant on Civil and Political Rights came into effect in Indonesia in 2006. The death penalty is contrary to the right to life of every human being and is against article 6 of this Covenant, which states that the right to life is to be protected by law. We request that this article be upheld in this instance. This right is also enshrined in Article 28A of the 1945 Indonesian Constitution and Article 4 of Law no. 39/1999 on Human Rights.

At a recent review before the Human Rights Committee, it was recommended that the State of Indonesia "should reinstate the *de facto* moratorium on the death penalty and should consider abolishing the death penalty by ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the Covenant."

We request that on humanitarian grounds you do not award the death penalty to Mr. Herman Jumat Masan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Flynn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Edward Flynn,

Geneva Representative of VIVAT International.