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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

ON TREATIES. RE: TREATY

BETWEEN AUSTRALIA & THE

REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

SECURITY CO OPERATION.

DEAR SIRS.

IT IS THE SUBMISION OF THIS EXECUTIVE THAT THIS TREATY BE RATIFIED. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF INDONESIA, AND WE FULLY SUPPORT THE NEED FOR SUCH CO OPERATION ON SECURITY. WE DO NOT BLAME THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE PEOPLE OF INDONESIA FOR THE ACTIONS OF THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT WHO USE TERRORISM TO FURTHER THEIR CAUSE.

THE EXECUTIVE SUPPORT CLOSE TIES WITH ALL OUR NEIGHBOURS, IN THE PACIFIC REGION. THE EXECUTIVE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A MILITARY BLANKET OF BASES ACROSS THE PACIFIC, FOR THE REGIONS SECURITY. TRADE AND EQUALITY IS ALSO NEEDED TO ENSURE A PEACEFUL CO EXISTANCE IN THE PACIFIC. AS WE NOW HAVE A EUROPEAN UNION IN PLACE, THE EXECUTIVE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A PACIFIC UNION. WE DO NOT LOOK AT THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AS A MILITARY THREAT BUT A CLOSE REGIONAL ALLY. THE EXECUTIVE SUPPORT THE NATIONAL INTEREST ANALYSIS, AND AGREE WITH ITS FINDINGS, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NOTHING WE COULD ADD IN THIS SUBMISSION, EXCEPT THAT A REGIONAL TREATY SUCH AS THIS SHOULD BE IN PLACE INVOLVING ALL OUR PACIFIC NEIGHBOURS. THE EXECUTIVE WISH TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMENT ON THIS SECURITY TREATY.

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