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Submission in relation to the Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Indonesia on the Framework for Security Cooperation (Lombok, 13 November 2006).

Dear Committee

Please find attached a recent report from Human Rights Watch, a prominent international NGO.

The report highlights a number of serious human rights abuses in West Papua today.

Any security treaty between Australia and Indonesia that fails to address human rights issues, like those outlined in the attached report, is not in the interests of the people of West Papua, Indonesia or Australia.

As a minimum, as part of the treaty negotiations, Australia should seek to ensure access to West Papua for international human rights monitors and foreign journalists.

Thank-you for the opportunity to submit this report.

Yours sincerely,

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