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**URGENT appeal to Government of Indonesia**

 **to stop workers’ rights violations at Grasberg**

Dear President,

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of YOUR UNION NAME HERE, an affiliate of IndustriALL Global Union, to make an **urgent appeal** to the Government of Indonesia to intervene at Grasberg to help avert a social disaster in the community, resulting from the unlawful dismissal of more than 2,000 workers, and prevent any violence that might erupt, as a direct result of the inhumane and intransigent stance of PT Freeport Indonesia.

We urge the Government to ensure that PT Freeport Indonesia respect workers’ rights, and also respect their trade unions, as stipulated in Indonesian laws and regulations. It is imperative that the Government intervene to achieve the immediate reinstatement of over 2,000 permanent workers that were recently unlawfully dismissed.

PT Freeport Indonesia must return to the negotiating table with CEMWU PT Freeport Indonesia. PT Freeport Indonesia should address the legitimate demands of the workers at Grasberg, as a precondition for the workers to discontinue the strike.

We will not hesitate to raise public concern about the gross violations of workers’ rights at Grasberg to our union’s members and to our government until these violations cease.

We urge you to intervene immediately to facilitate and ensure a fair, sustainable, and peaceful resolution of this conflict, which is severely impacting on the livelihood of thousands of workers and members of their families.

Sincerely,