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Br Mohammad Hamzah Thayeb  
The Ambassador  
Embassy of Indonesia

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Dear Ambassador,

*Assalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh*

The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, AFIC strongly urges the Indonesian Government to show compassion and ease at the suffering of the Rohingyas, an oppressed Muslim minority from Burma, who have been left for dead in the sea by Burmese authorities and now seek refuge in Indonesia.

Ambassador, we urge you please reconsider Indonesia's response, that is, to return these refugees into the hands of tyrants and face certain death. We appeal to you to consider the plight of these fellow Muslims, and urge your Government, in the name of humanity and compassion to consider temporarily settlement in Indonesia until an equitable solution can be found.

*Assalaamu Alaikum.*

Yours sincerely,

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President