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Thank you for your kind message of congratulations.

I am very glad that the visit of Mr. Cecil Parkinson, the Minister of State for Trade, gives me this opportunity to communicate to you an expression of the importance that I and the British Government attach to strengthening the already cordial relationship which exists between the United Kingdom and Indonesia.

I hope that trade between our countries will increase and that British development aid for Indonesia will continue to make a useful contribution towards the growth of your economy.

The British Government is well aware of the influential role that Indonesia plays in the Association of South East Asian Nations. We attach much importance to the Association's development and shall continue to do what we can to support its efforts for peace and stability in South East Asia.

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His Excellency the President of the Republic of Indonesia