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Your Excellency,

Allow me to avail myself of this opportunity to extend my highest respect to Your Excellency. I would also like to express my great satisfaction at the close friendly relationship existing between our two countries.

I am addressing this letter to Your Excellency with particular reference to the International Tin Agreements of which both our countries have been members up to the present moment. In this context, it may not be an exaggeration for me to say that we are now facing a crucial juncture in the life of those agreements, and we have to take an action which may have very great impact on the future cooperation between producers and consumers of tin.

As Your Excellency are aware, International Commodity Agreements are a vital vehicle for cooperation among nations based on the principle of equity and mutual benefit for both producers and consumers alike. One of the important objectives of commodity agreements is to ensure stable and steady earnings for producers to finance their development needs, and at the same time ensure consumers with continuous and adequate supplies, at prices remunerative and fair to both sides.

The International Tin Agreement has been one of the few successful commodity agreements and has been in existence for more than 25 years. A manifestation of sound cooperation between consumers and producers. The 6th International Tin Agreement has been concluded after long and arduous negotiations which once again reflect the determination of the participating countries to maintain and strengthen such cooperation between the consumers and producers of tin.

Indonesia strongly believes that such cooperation should continue to be strengthened by ensuring the 6th International Agreement to become fully operational.

Convinced of the value of continued cooperation between consuming and producing countries, especially within the framework of the Integrated Programme for Commodities, and taking into account the role which International Tin Agreement can play in promoting closer cooperation between consumers and producers, I wish to express my sincere hope to Your



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Excellency that Your Government would undertake the necessary steps towards the early signing and/or ratification of the 6th International Tin Agreement before the 30th of April 1982.

In conclusion, I would like to express my highest appreciation for Your Excellency's kind attention towards this important problem which becomes the common interest of us all.

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PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
INDONESIA

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