Dear Ms. Romer,

With reference to our conversation this afternoon, we confirmed that the letter we have sent, dated 7th December, 2017 is sufficient as a reply to the letter you sent in 2018.

We also authorized the Communication and Information Sector to publish the necessary information accordingly at the UNESCO website.

Thank you.

With best regards,

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Mr. Guy Berger  
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Dear Mr. Berger,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 21 February 2017, Ref.: CI/FEM/FOE/fr/2017/1518, requesting the status of legal investigation on the killing of an Indonesian journalist, Mr. Herliyanto, in 2006.

According to the latest information I received from my Government, the Indonesian National Police has investigated the case. Three out of seven suspects have been arrested and prosecuted accordingly. The other four suspects have been added to the Indonesian National Police Force fugitives' list.

I also wish to take this opportunity to reaffirm my Government's commitment to freedom of expression, including press freedom, as stipulated in our national law. Please rest assured that our delegation shall continue to provide regular updated information on this matter.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ambassador/Permanent Delegate
of the Republic of Indonesia to UNESCO

Mot'angaradja Pandjaitan
Jakarta, December 7, 2017

Number : 672 / DP / K / XII / 2017
Subject : Latest Information Development of Case Handling Murder Journalist Herliyanto

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This is related to the prudential principles that the Press Council should take, given that the Press Council does not have the authority to determine the status of cases that have been 3 years consecutively asked by the UNESCO. The Press Council has held several meetings and consultations with Public Relations Division, Legal Division and Bareskrim Police Headquarters related to a number of cases, including the case of Herliyanto's murder. The Press Council was also written to the East Java Police Chief and met directly with the East Java Police Chief and East Java Police Direskrim.

From the consultation and explanation presented by the East Java Police, the murder case of Surabaya Post reporter, Radar Surabaya, Memorandum, Surya, Ambassador and Radar Bromo. Herliyanto that occurred in Probolinggo on 29 April 2006 is declared already completed and the case is declared closed. This is because 3 of the perpetrators have undergone the judicial process and have obtained the verdict a permanent legal force in which all three are decided to be free from all charges. One of the three defendants is said to have a psychiatric disorder.
As for the names of the other suspects who sourced from the testimony of the suffering sufferer of mental disorder declared unacceptable in the court and based on the Supreme Court's Decision of Supreme Court. 1252 K / Pid / 2009 dated October 20, 2009 and no. 1117 K / Pid / 2009 dated August 12, 2009 in which the Supreme Court declares that it can not accept the appeal of the appeal from the Public Prosecutor, so there can be no further investigation and process of the suspects included in the List of People Search (DPO) in the case.

Thus, the Press Council, based on information and letters of East Java Police, argued that the murder case of journalists. Herliyanto is declared already completed by law.

That's it. thanks.

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Yosep Adi Prasetyo
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Copy:
1. Dear. Prof. Dr. Arief Rachman. M.Pd, Chief Executive of Indonesia National Commission for UNESCO in Jakarta
2. Dear. Bpk. T.A. Fauzi Soelaiman, Deputy Representative of Permanent Delegation of Indonesia For UNESCO