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Dear Chairperson,

I am deeply concerned by the news that, on 5 July 2019, the Indonesian Supreme Court rejected the final case review submitted by Baiq Nuril Maknun and upheld its cassation decision to find her guilty of distributing pornographic content.

While Baiq Nuril Maknun lodged a formal report complaint to the police about the sexual abuse she suffered in mid-November 2018, no police investigation has been launched. In fact, instead of receiving the justice she deserves, she was convicted of distributing pornographic content and sentenced to six months in prison and a fine of IDR 500 million under Article 27 of the Electronic Information and Transaction Law.

We acknowledge that the Minister of Law and Human Rights, Yasonna Laoly, has pledged to support Baiq Nuril Maknun in seeking an amnesty and will provide the supporting legal arguments for the President's consideration. Minister Yasonna has boldly said that, supporting Baiq Nuril Maknun's case, would hopefully encourage other victims to report their own experiences.

We understand that President Joko Widodo sent an official letter on 15 July 2019 to the House of Representatives seeking parliamentary advice on an amnesty for Baiq Nuril Maknun.

We urge you, as Speaker of the House, to support the proposal and advise that all charges against Baiq Nuril Maknun are dropped and that any allegations of sexual abuse are immediately and independently investigated.

Kind regards,