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Dear Mr. Prabowo

I am writing to express my deep concern about the ongoing police investigation against human rights defenders **Haris Azhar** and **Fatia Maulidiyanti**. The two were reported to the police by the Coordinating Minister for Maritime and Investment Affairs, Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, on allegations of defamation under the Electronic Information and Transactions (ITE) Law. Furthermore, Luhut sued Haris and Fatia 100 billion rupiahs each (approximately USD 7 million).

The allegations relate to a video on Haris' YouTube channel, where he and Fatia discuss a report about the alleged connections between military operations and mining activities in Intan Jaya Regency, in Papua. It is very distressing to learn that Haris and Fatia face criminal charges for simply exercising their right to freedom of expression, which is guaranteed under both international and national law.

Therefore, urge you to:

- **Drop the charges and close the investigation against Haris and Fatia**
- **Amend the ITE to decriminalize defamation and ensure that defamation is only treated as a civil matter**
- **Ensure that all human rights defenders can carry out their peaceful activities without harassment, intimidation, arbitrary detention or fear of reprisals, in line with the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders**

Yours sincerely,