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STATEMENT ON MR ANDREW CHAN AND MR MYURAN SUKUMARAN

On 25 April 2015, I wrote again to Indonesian Attorney-General Prasetyo regarding the cases of the two Australian men facing the death penalty, Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran. This was the third occasion on which I have appealed to the Indonesian Attorney General.

I drew to his attention that proceedings are still underway in both the Indonesian Constitutional Court and the Indonesian Judicial Commission that are relevant to Mr Chan and Mr Sukumaran.

These proceedings raise serious questions regarding the integrity of the two men's initial sentence and the clemency process. It is important that these actions are heard in full before any further steps are taken.

A preliminary hearing of the Constitutional Court has been scheduled for 12 May to hear the application made by the two men.

I also understand that the Judicial Commission intends to interview the two men in relation to its investigation into bribery allegations in the original trial.

Respectfully, the Australian Government calls on the President and Attorney General of Indonesia to stay the executions until the Constitutional Court and Judicial Commission proceedings are completed.

It would be a terrible outcome if rulings or findings in either of these proceedings called into question executions which have already been implemented and are irrevocable.

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