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Dear Protected Human Beings,
Señora VicePresidenta,
Excellencies,
Dear delegation of Indonesia,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Greetings of peace and universality,

Let me explain!

For any individual, being protected against genocide means the right to belong to, or to become member of a social group, and to be recognized as such.

Whatsoever, we all have individual and collective national, ethnical, racial and religious origins, and in our various cultural diversities, we are all members of the humankind.

Dear delegation,
Indonesia is the biggest country in the world in which protection from genocide is not (yet) covered by the Genocide convention. Please, doing this ratification will be an immense progress, both for universal coverage and to celebrate the diversity of Indonesia.

Dear delegation of Indonesia,
Would you please explain to us as to all, either why you do not want or care to do this ratification; or why you noted the recommendations made to you in the third as in the present Universal Periodic Review cycle?

Better, dear delegation of Indonesia, could you please tell us when this ratification will be completed?

Thank you!

In the care for life, we will be looking for progresses and we send to you as to all our best regards and wishes for a good life, in Indonesia as everywhere.

Muchas Gracias, Señora VicePresidenta.

In a very nice private talk with Ambassador Werdaningtyas, head of the delegation, right after the session we were asked to be patient and told that the Convention on Enforced disappearances has priority at the Parliament, and that advocacy for the Genocide Convention will take place thereafter.