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By email: djmultilateral@gmail.com

The Honourable Minister Marsudi:

I am writing to express the Centre for Law and Democracy's support for the International Conference of the Information Commissioners (ICIC) and to urge you to go ahead with hosting the 2017 ICIC in Bali, Indonesia.

I have personally been associated with the ICIC since at least 2004. The event has played an important role in the area of access to information by bringing together commissioners from around the world with civil society actors, academics and others to discuss the key challenges facing implementation of the right to access information.

I have been supporting this right in Indonesia for even longer and was, since 1999, involved, through UNESCO, in providing advice to the government on the Indonesian Act on Public Information Transparency, which was passed in 2008.

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The Centre for Law and Democracy has been in close communication with the Indonesian Central Information Commission about planning for the 2017 ICIC, which is supposed to take place in Bali in July or August 2017. We remain very willing to continue to provide this support.

Given Indonesian's leadership role on this issue within Southeast Asia, we believe it would be a perfect venue for this important event. We note that until now, the ICIC has never been held in Asia, let alone in Southeast Asia. This is a serious shortcoming which a 2017 ICIC in Bali would help address.

We look forward to cooperating with you on these important issues. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you need any further information via the contact details on our letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Mendel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Toby Mendel
Executive Director