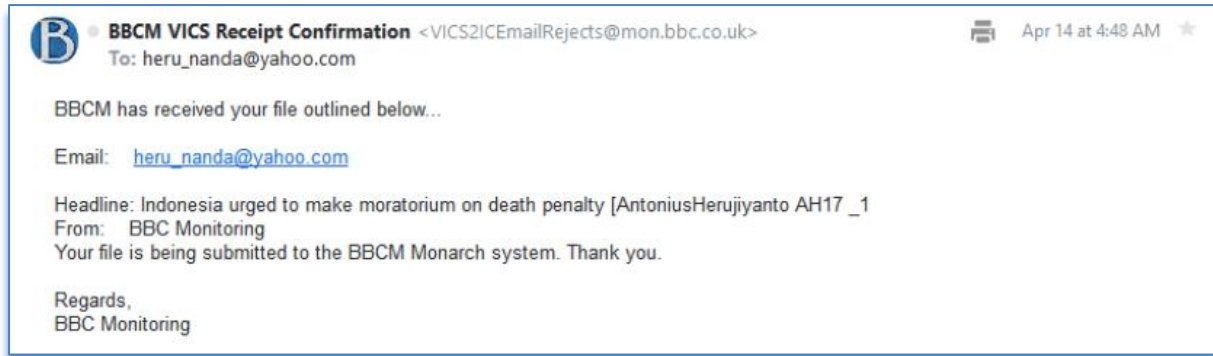


Indonesia Urged To Make Moratorium on Death Penalty



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The Executive Director of AI or the Indonesian International Amnesty, Usman Hamid, has urged the Indonesian government to make a moratorium on death penalty as soon as possible. He said Thursday (on 12 April) that it was the initial step towards revoking the penalty.

According to him, there are at least two reasons to do so. First, it would enable the Indonesian government to prevent from being accused of having double standards in the way it tries to defend its people against executions abroad, while execution is still in the penal system of the country.

Secondly, the present legal system in the country has not been operated appropriately yet that could end up with carrying executions for the wrong person.

Mentioning that to put moratorium on death penalty into effect is a priority, he says that it would, indeed, support the government's diplomacy in saving Indonesians who are facing executions abroad. At the moment there are as many as 188 Indonesians who have got death sentence abroad and more than a half of them are in Malaysia.

Usman Hamid also said that it was very good that Indonesia did not carry out any execution at all in 2017 although in the same year there were 47 people getting death sentence.

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