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## **PRESS RELEASE ON HURRICANE KATRINA**

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The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia and also on behalf of the Indonesian Community living in the United States of America, we would like to express our heartfelt sympathy and extend our deep condolences to the people of the United States of America, in particular the residents of the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, who have been victimized and traumatized by the utter devastation that Hurricane Katrina has leveled upon them.

As we ourselves in Indonesia have recently experienced the wrath of Mother Nature, when the Tsunami struck the province of Aceh and North Sumatra in December of last year, we know all too well the sufferings that are now being felt in the United States.

Our prayers are for those who have lost their lives, and for the well-being of those suffering under these tragic circumstances.

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