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Presidential Regulation dated 27 December 2019 concerning the liability of the Republic of Indonesia due to penalties for the unjust annexation and occupation of the Republic of the South Moluccas' territory

In the name of the people of the South Moluccas!

The Government of the Republic of the South Moluccas,

Has found:

that in the second Presidential Regulation of 17 August 2019 (State Gazette 2019-2) ownership of natural resources of the Republic of the South Moluccas and liability of public and private actors for infringement of that property is laid down;

that ever since the annexation and occupation of the Republic of the South Moluccas' territory, from 1950 to the present, the Republic of Indonesia has been guilty of infringement on the aforementioned property of the Republic of the South Moluccas;

that the natural resources in the territory of the Republic of the South Moluccas or its subsoil, as well as those located in the State's territorial waters, constitute indisputable property of the South Moluccan people and are the inheritance of future generations;

that now the situation has arisen that through further illegal exploitation of the natural resources by the Republic of Indonesia, the people of the South Moluccas and future generations will continue to live in great poverty, while these natural resources should generate unprecedented prosperity for the South Moluccan people, who own these resources;

Thus, when regarding the above, the following Presidential Regulation is adopted:

ARTICLE 1

With this, the Republic of Indonesia is held liable for all material and immaterial damages resulting from the unlawful annexation and

occupation of the Republic of the South Moluccas' territory from 1950 onward.

ARTICLE 2

The further elaboration of the above-mentioned state liability of the Republic of Indonesia towards the Republic of the South Moluccas and the South Moluccan people has been stated in a diplomatic note dated 27 December 2019.

ARTICLE 3

This Presidential Regulation - which makes the Republic of Indonesia liable - takes effect backdated as far as possible, from 25 April 1950.

Granted in Amsterdam, 27 December 2019

President of the Republic of the South Moluccas,

Mr. J.G. Wattilete