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Dear Respected Ambassador,

*Assalaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh*

It is with sadness that we mark the passing of Former Indonesian president Dato Abdurrahman Wahid, popularly known as Gus Dur., *Inna lillahe wa inn ail aihe rajioon.* (To Allah we belong and to Him shall we return).

On behalf of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, I convey our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family, friends, colleagues and people of Indonesia at the sad passing of President Abdurrahman Wahid.

May Allah grant the family, friends and many colleagues *sabr* and comfort in prayer and contemplation at this difficult time.

President K.H. Abdurrahman Wahid, the fourth president of Indonesia will be fondly remembered, respected and honoured for what he has done for Indonesia as a nation. President Wahid lent his name and prestige to the Wahid Institute and the LibForAll Foundation to spread his vision of a modern, progressive and tolerant Islam both within Indonesia and around the world.

The grief of the people of Indonesia is testament to the power of President Wahid's ideas, not just for Indonesians, but for every other pluralistic society seeking a peaceful and prosperous future.

President K.H. Abdurrahman Wahid's close association with Australia and contribution to interfaith dialogue and interaction is another noteworthy achievement. His legacy, dedication and humility is commendable, indeed. May Allah reward all his hard work.

May Allah grant President K.H. Abdurrahman Wahid *Janatul Ferdous*.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Assalaamu Alaikum

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