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**To whom it may concern**

The Government of Indonesia has declared the combating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing practices as the main agenda. From the very beginning, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MOMAF) firmly acknowledged that the IUU fishing practices could serve as means of other transnational crimes such as drugs and people smuggling, including slavery. To fight against IUU fishing means that it will also fight against those crimes.

With regard to the investigative report of slavery in Benjina by Associated Press, kindly be informed that the Thai company, Pusaka Benjina Resources (PBR), Ltd, has been under the Ministry's surveillance since the implementation of the Minister's Regulation No. 56/2014 on the Moratorium of Foreign Vessels Permit on Captured Fisheries, November 2014. Affiliated fishing vessels of PBR Company are currently being analyzed and evaluated by the IUU Fishing Task Force of the MOMAF. The MOMAF is conducting joint efforts involving Indonesian law enforcement and related authorities, including support from local government, police and the Indonesian Ambassador to Thailand in the follow up of this case.

In contrast, there are many Indonesian fish processing companies producing fish and fishery products in a good way such as complying with food safety standard and fisheries management measures, put in place traceability system, pro-sustainability and social compliance. Amongst of them is **PT. Inti Lautan Fajar Abadi (Intan Seafood), address Jl. Wonokoyo 1, Desa Wonokoyo RT 01, RW 06 Beji, Pasuruan, East Java, Indonesia.** The company is a BRC Certificate holder, actively involved in the fisheries improvement project, namely [www.fisheriesimprovementindonesia.org](http://www.fisheriesimprovementindonesia.org), and very keen to put in place the fisheries management measures.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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