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WITHDRAWAL OF INDONESIA FROM UNITED NATIONS

Statement by the Acting Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. J. McEwen:

The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. McEwen, said in Canberra today that the whole world would be disappointed that the President of Indonesia, having withdrawn from the United Nations, should now denounce this organisation.

Mr. McEwen said the United Nations was the hope on which most of humanity pinned its faith for the progressive development of processes to prevent war.

"The world looks to the United Nations to aid those nations and communities whose freedom is incomplete and whose resources are undeveloped. It is a main hope of those people who exist on lower than adequate standards," Mr. McEwen said.

The Acting Prime Minister said it would be no contribution to engage in recriminations.

"The principles and purposes of the U.N. Charter enshrine not only recognised principles of international conduct but the aspirations of mankind for a better and a peaceful life. I am sure that most people would hope that Indonesia will act in accordance with those principles and purposes," Mr. McEwen said.

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