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**Aide-Memoire on Violence Towards Chinese
Nationals in Indonesia**

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Summary:

An aide-memoire requesting that the United Nations take measures to prevent the further persecution of the Overseas Chinese in Indonesia following the March 1963 anti-Chinese riots in that country.

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Since the incidents on 27 March 1963 when Chinese nationals were assaulted and Chinese-owned stores were wrecked in the city of Tjirobon, mob violence towards Chinese on the part of Indonesian people and students has spread to the towns of Tegal, Bandung, Sumedang, Bogor, Sukabumi and other localities. A number of Chinese have been killed and wounded and incalculable damage has been done to shops, houses and vehicles belonging to Chinese.

Despite the public pronouncements by the President of Indonesia, no effective measures have been taken by the Indonesian authorities to check the anti-Chinese riots. The widespread waves of violence have given rise to feelings of indignation among Chinese communities everywhere and constitute a matter of serious concern to the Government of the Republic of China. These acts of persecution, being on an organized scale and of long duration and being solely directed against a minority group, are obviously an infringement of human rights.

In this connection, it may be recalled that in Resolution 1779 (XVII), the General Assembly reiterated "its condemnation of all manifestations of racial prejudice and of national and religious intolerance as violations of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," and called upon the Governments of all States "to take such legislative or other appropriate measures to combat such prejudice and intolerance."

For the protection of human rights and on humanitarian grounds, it is hoped that the Secretary-General of the United Nations will be able to address an appeal to the Indonesian Government to take immediate and effective steps for the suppression of anti-Chinese rioting and to assure adequate protection to Chinese life and property so that the present situation will not develop into racial conflicts of even greater magnitude.

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