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Dear Prime Minister Ardern:

re: Asylum-seekers on Manus Island and Nauru

I am U Ne Oo, refugee rights activist living in Sydney. Firstly, I would like to thank you and the Government of NZ for continue offering of resettlement places for asylum-seekers detained at Manus Island and Nauru. I understand that your government has recently approached directly with the Government of Nauru to transfer some of these asylum-seekers; of which such kind efforts have not been eventuated so far.

In this regards, I have written to the International Committee of the Red Cross to intervene on the situation, and also asked the United Nations' authorities to assist in such intervention. I have enclosed my communications to ICRC, along with my report to ICC, for your government's review as regards Australia's Offshore Detention regime. I believe the most important task at this stage is to transfer out these asylum-seekers in detention who have been going through immense psychological pressure. In this regards, I am very grateful to the Government of New Zealand for your generosity and your kind understandings of the plights of these asylum-seekers and I trust that these asylum-seekers would be taken off from the detention at the first available opportunity.

In closing, I thank you once again for your kind efforts and considerations for these asylum-seekers.

Yours respectfully and sincerely,



(U Ne Oo)

Enclosures (included with emails):

- [#1] Letter to Special Rapporteur on Slavery, 14-Aug-2018.
- [#2] Letter to President of ICRC and reply, 8-Dec-2017.
- [#3] Letter to ICC and reply, 30-Jun-2017.