



DEWAN ADAT PAPUA



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Item 4: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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Tablea Mr. Chair, respected Members, Delegates and Indigenous Relatives.

Mr. Chair,

July 9th was a remarkable day for the AlifUru people: On this day the Governing Council of Traditional Elders in the interior of our main island Seram, convened in a special meeting to reaffirm the importance of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

On February 28th during the 9th anniversary of Dewan Adat Papua the traditional council reaffirmed the UNDRIP as a legal basis to exercise the Rights of the Indigenous peoples of West-Papua.

However the respected Councils noted with regret the many challenges and difficulties the States are facing to fully implement the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

- Mr. Chair,

Obviously the most important highlight of good practice, should be the implementation of the UN Declaration by the governments and all other parties.

We experience that although the governments have endorsed the Declaration, that there is no acknowledgement and willingness to implement the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Therefore the Alifuru Council and the Dewan Adat Papua have set september 13th. 2010, the third anniversary of the Adoption of the UN Declaration by the United Nations' General Assembly, as the day for a worldwide event.

It calls upon all Indigenous and Tribal peoples of the world to participate in a Worldwide Drum Ceremony, while sounding our traditional instruments an urgent petition for the implementation of the UNDRIP will be communicated to all the State governments concerned.

The Indigenous peoples of Maluku and West-Papua and 5 other Indigenous peoples have already pledged to participate in this ceremony, and we ask our Indigenous brothers and sisters to help sound the Indigenous voice, because we all can make a world of difference.

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Thank you Mr. Chair

