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Distinguish, Madam Chairperson of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and members, indigenous brothers and sisters, ladies and gentlemen.

First of all, I would like to thank you very much for giving us the West Papua indigenous peoples the opportunity for presenting our statement in the 14th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

It is over 52 years since 1963, West Papua join with Indonesia through the dishonest result of the act of free choice in 1969, our human rights and fundamental freedom in West Papuan have never been fully guaranteed. This Political process is still being questioned by West Papua indigenous peoples and have call for Independence.

We West Papua indigenous peoples continue to suffer discrimination, marginalization, extreme poverty, the conflict and human rights abuses, our race and way of life under the threat of extinction.

In the era of the implementation of the Special Autonomy Law No.21 of the Year 2001 emerged various humanitarian problems and not shown any significant change. However, indigenous peoples of West Papua rejected the Acceleration of Development in Papua and West Papua Province and the Special Autonomy and continue call for self-determination and independence.

Human rights violations in West Papua continued to increase in several places in West Papua such as in Serui, Paniai and in Tembagapura the areal of PT.Freeport Indonesia Gold and Copper Mining Company in Timika which recently about 116 indigenous community has been taken handcuffs by Indonesian police to Timika Police Station which is still in trauma situations.

As we all know that UN Secretary General has been paying attention to the fate of the convict's execution known as the Bali Nine's just got to be a threat in execution but not in execution, but how about to many indigenous peoples of West Papua and human rights defender in West Papua which have been killed ? The human rights violations which continue occurred among indigenous West Papuan which was highlighted in the report of Human Rights Council Working Group on Universal Periodic Review 13th Session.

And to be known by the international community, Indigenous People of West Papua face human rights violations because of their demand for Self-Determination and Independence but human rights violations in West Papua has been forgotten.

Therefore Through this 14th Session of the UNPFII,

We call upon Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to conduct country visit to Indonesia –West Papua to see from very closely the situation of indigenous peoples of West Papua near and around the Tembagapura areal of PT.Freeport Gold and Copper Mining Company in Timika, West Papua.

-We call upon United Nations to follow up the Report of the Study on Decolonization in the Pacific by Ms.Valmaine Toki.

-We West Papua indigenous peoples call upon the United Nations for exercising the Referendum on Self-Determination to determine our political status according to the provision contained in the Charter of the United Nations, Article 1 of the ICCPR, ICESCR and the Article 3 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which states that all peoples and Indigenous Peoples have the rights to Self-Determination.

I thank you for your attention.

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