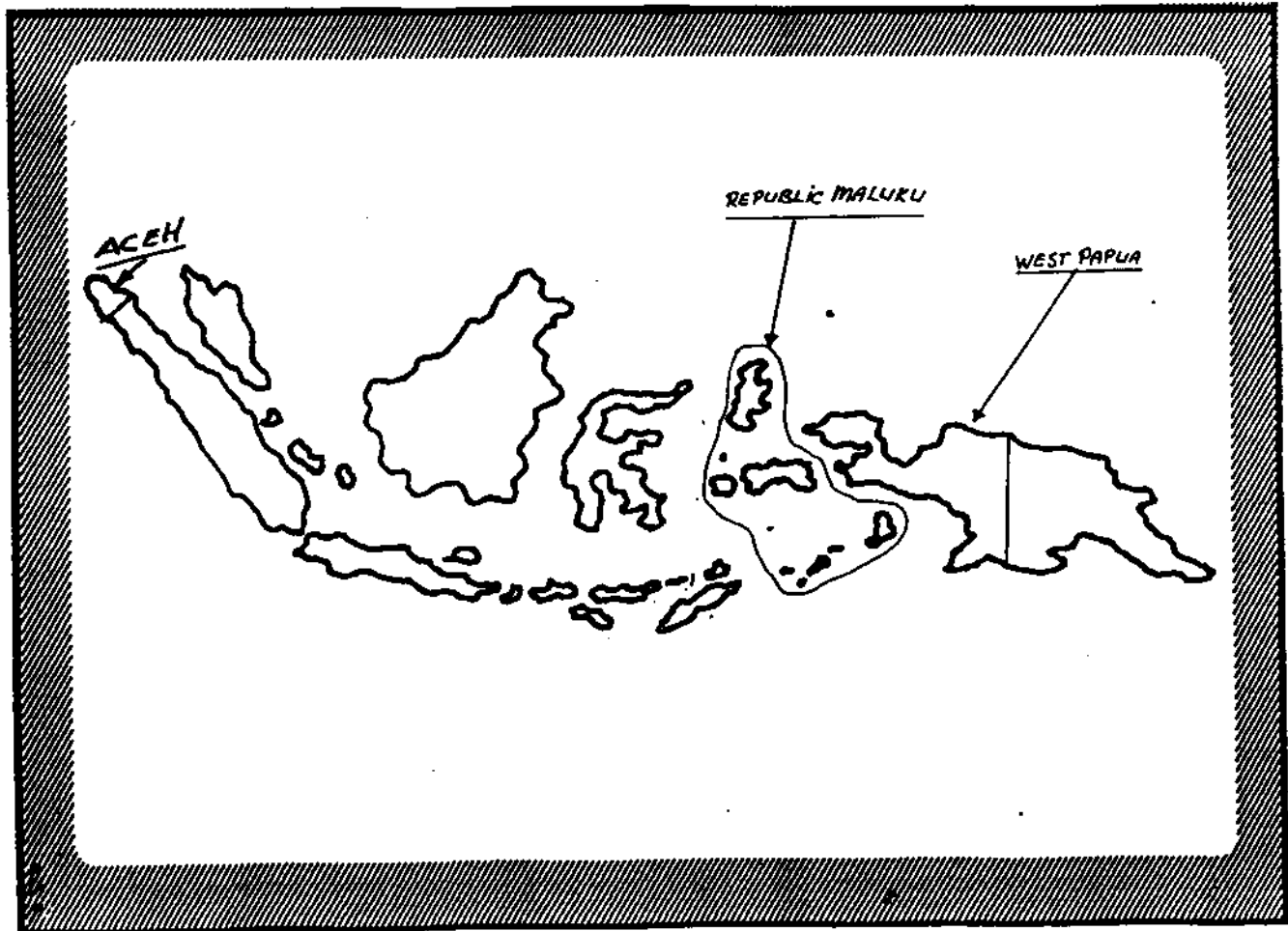




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MR CHAIRPERSON,

FIRST, THE MENA MURIA FOUNDATION, HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE
MOLUCCAS – SE ASIA, WISHES TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR
(RE)ELECTION AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE 21ST SESSION OF WORKING GROUP
ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS. WE ARE AGAIN VERY HONORED TO
ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE WHERE EACH YEAR EXPERIENCES,
THOUGHTS, AND SOMETIMES EVEN SOLUTIONS CAN BE SHARED WITH
OTHER INDIGENOUS DELEGATIONS. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND IT IS VERY
SORROWFUL TO LEARN HOW MORE SPECIFIC RIGHTS HAVE BEEN
VIOLATED ALL OVER THE WORLD.

OUR PARTICULAR APPEAL CONCERNS THE HUMAN AND INDIGENOUS
RIGHTS SITUATION OF THE MOLUCCAN PEOPLE ON THE MOLUCCAS. THE
MOLUCCAS (74,505 SQ. KM) ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN SOUTH
EAST ASIA, TO THE NORTH OF AUSTRALIA AND WEST OF WEST PAPUA,
AND COMPRISES MORE THAN 1,000 ISLANDS! FOR MANY CENTURIES
(FROM 1595 ON) THE MOLUCCAN TERRITORY HAS BEEN OCCUPIED AND
COLONIZED BY FOREIGN NATIONS AND TRADERS WHO COULD NOT
RESIST THE ECONOMIC TEMPTATIONS OF RICHNESSES LIKE NUTMEG OR
CLOVE, AND WERE NOT AT ALL CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTERESTS OF
LOCAL INHABITANTS.

MR CHAIRPERSON, DELEGATES

IT SEEMS LIKE HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF; EVEN TODAY NOT ONLY THE AUTHORITIES BUT ALSO FOREIGN MULTINATIONALS ARE CONDUCTING A NEOCOLONIALIST POLICY ON THE MOLUCCAN ISLANDS. FOR INSTANCE OUR MOTHER ISLAND CERAM, "NUSA INA" IN OUR NATIVE LANGUAGE, HAS BECOME A **DEMANDED** AND STRAIGHT TARGET FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS WHO HAVE BEEN EASILY ALLOWED TO HOLD A 100% STAKE IN NEW COMPANIES OVER THE MOST FERTILE AREAS OF CERAM.

THE ECONOMIC AND MINERAL WEALTH ON THE MOLUCCAS INCLUDE AMONGST OTHERS

FISHING

AN INCREASING ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN FISHING SHIPS, MANY ILLEGALLY, WHO ROB THIS POTENTIAL BY THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES IN THE ALFURU SEA, MOLUCCAN FISHERS EXPERIENCE WITH REGRET THAT THEIR TRADITIONAL SOURCE OF INCOME VANISHES WITH OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, FORCED TO BUY FISH IN JAPAN, THAILAND, AND THE PHILIPPINES.

CONFISCATION OF LAND, TERRITORY

THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED OUR MOTHER ISLAND CERAM AS AN ECONOMIC CENTER PRESERVED FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES

WHO ARE PERMITTED TO *BUY* TERRITORIES! THESE TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN HANDED OVER FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION FOR CENTURIES AND ARE NOW EASILY CONFISCATED FOR THE ECONOMIC THUS FINANCIAL INTEREST OF MULTINATIONALS! THESE MULTINATIONALS WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLOIT THE HIDDEN OF "MOTHER OF PEARLS"; MINERALS, GOLD, OIL (GESER, BULA), COFFEE, COCOA, RUBBER, WOOD! WE FEAR THAT AN IDENTICAL EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES LIKE THAT OF THE FREEPORT COMPANY IN WEST PAPUA WILL ALSO OCCUR IN THE MOLUCCAS! AND SINCE ECONOMIC INTEREST HAS PRIORITY OVER HUMAN AND INDIGENOUS RIGHTS NO ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MOLUCCAS. IDENTICAL HUMAN AND INDIGENOUS RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE IN WEST PAPUA AND ACEH! THE MENA MURIA FOUNDATION IS OBLIGED TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SUFFERING OF OUR PEOPLE. *Card Nation*

POLITICALLY, THE CIVIC UNREST, FIGHTING BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM COMMUNITIES WHO FOR CENTURIES HAVE LIVED SIDE BY SIDE IN HARMONY, IS NOTHING SHORT OF MANIPULATION AND PRETENSE! THE TWO HAVE ARTIFICIALLY BEEN PITTED AGAINST EACH OTHER AS AN EXCUSE TO SEND LASKAR JIHAD MERCENARIES, RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS FUELED BY FUNDAMENTALISM, TO THE MOLUCCAN ISLANDS FOR FURTHER BLOODSHED! NOT ONLY HAVE CHURCHES BEEN BURNED,

Howan School

SOMETIMES INCLUSIVE OF WORSHIPPERS, BUT MOSQUES HAVE ALSO BEEN RAVAGED. THIS ONLY SHOWS HOW THESE SO CALLED HOLY WARRIORS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY RELIGION ONLY THEIR GROSS MISINTERPRETATION OF ISLAM.

IN CONCLUSION WE HOPE FUTURE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES WILL MORE SPECIFICALLY TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE ROLE WHICH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE CAN PLAY WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

WE THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AT THE 21ST SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS. WE WISH YOU *and all the Parli* ALL THE *participation* BEST AND GOD BLESS.

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