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Distinguish, Madam Chair 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 this 13th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

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.

Over 51 years since 1963, the West Papua join with Indonesia, our human rights and fundamental freedom in West Papuan have never been fully guaranteed. This has been impeding the economic and social development of the indigenous peoples in West Papua. This Political process is still being questioned by West Papua indigenous peoples and have call for Independence.

In the era of the implementation of the Special Autonomy Law No.21 of the Year 2001 emerged various humanitarian problems, although the special autonomy was granted as a mean as solution to improve the life of West Papua indigenous peoples. The Human Rights violations in West Papua continue increased, health problems, education, infrastructure and welfare problems persist and increasingly deteriorate. Indigenous Peoples of West Papua are far from having reached the Millennium Development Goals.

The evaluation of the special autonomy implementation for 11 years that did not benefit the indigenous peoples of West Papua and not shown any significant change, then Indonesia central government have established the new special unit for the Acceleration of Development in Papua and West Papua Province (UP4B) through the Presidential Decrees No.65/2011 and

No.66/2011 to overcome the conflict and improving the welfare of West Papua indigenous peoples.

At the beginning of the year 2013, Indonesia Central Government have announcing the new approach through the Special Autonomy Plus to overcome the problem in West Papua and will change the Special Autonomy Law become Papua Government Law. However indigenous peoples of West Papua rejected the Acceleration of Development in Papua and West Papua Province and the Special Autonomy Plus.

After the United Nations Human Rights Council Working Group on Universal Periodic Review 13th Session adopted the Report on Indonesia in May 2012, the Human Rights violation in West Papua continue increased. The indigenous peoples have no freedom of expression, the Human Rights violations occurred in Sentani, Jayapura, Tinggimambut in Puncak Jaya, Lanny Jaya, Wamena, Moanemani, Manokwari, Sorong and the tribes conflict in Yayanti Timika.

Through this 13th Session of the UNPFII, 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.

Thank you for your attention.

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