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Mr. Chairman, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Geneva for Human Rights is a training organisation. We have trained many defenders in and from West Papua, part of Indonesia, since 2003.

Having been shocked by the massive human rights abuses committed by Indonesian authorities in these territories, in July 2016, we urged the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to consider the deteriorating situation in West Papua under its Early Warning Measure and called for action to prevent the extinction of the Indigenous Papuans.

Following this, our organisation has set up a Working Group on West Papua to support its West Papua Project. The aim is to empower indigenous peoples and civil society as well as to raise awareness on the ongoing violations of human rights within international and regional foras.

The Working Group on West Papua has compiled official documents of the UN Human Rights mechanisms related to West Papua from 2008 till 2018. We focused our attention on the recommendations made by those mechanisms to Indonesia and their implementation, particularly in the context of EMRIP's new mandate from the Human Rights Council to engage with treaty bodies on follow-up to recommendations (A/HRC/RES/33/25).

Through this compilation, it clearly shows that the human rights situation in West Papua has not changed and has in fact worsened: the survival of the Indigenous Papuans is at stake.

We welcome and support the comments of this Expert Mechanism on the Human Rights Committee's Draft General Comment on the Right to Life last September (CCPR/C/GC/R.36/Rev.2). We also emphasise your focus on the clarifications on the general conditions that States should address to protect life.

Mister Chairman, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is still not known in West Papua. It is time that this Declaration be published by the Indonesian government into the official national languages and that the government starts a process of consultation on the best practices to realise the rights contained in this Declaration as well as protecting its rights-holders.

I thank You.

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