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Item 4 – Human Rights  
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As pronounced by Pelpina Sahureka  
For Bangsa Adat Alifuru di Maluku



Distinguish Mr. Chairman, members of the Permanent Forum,  
Delegates, NGO's and other representatives,  
Brothers and Sisters,

This is an S.O.S. from the indigenous Alifuru people in Maluku.  
This is an S.O.S. pleading for your immediate actions in the case of  
the imminent genocide perpetrated by the Indonesian military and the  
Indonesian Jihad forces against the indigenous Alifuru people in  
Maluku.

#### **1. To call for an immediate stop of the war in Maluku.**

The Indonesian military and the Indonesian Jihad forces are momentarily waging a war of terror against the people in Maluku, hereby using all kinds of war materials such as mortars, bombs, grenades, launchers, helicopters, trucks and marine vessels. Besides attacking the indigenous places the fleeing villagers will be hunted down by snipers and so directed to the landmines.

The Jakarta authorities are considering seriously to declare martial law in Maluku. A State of Military emergency would serve as a perfect cover to justify all military wrongdoings by Indonesia against the indigenous Alifuru people of Maluku.

The Indonesian military in Maluku has already proclaimed the date of 15, and/or 20th, and/or 27<sup>th</sup> of May as the Indonesian D-Day to launch a massive attack to finish off Maluku. From well-informed sources of our Muslim brothers the date of May 15 will be used by the Indonesians to start their war without mercy. If the Moluccan national flag is to be seen at that day the Indonesians would take it as a sign to attack the indigenous Alifuru people.

#### **2. To call for the immediate and total withdrawal of all Indonesian military, militia, and Indonesian Jihad forces, military and non-military from Maluku.**

Momentarily the Indonesian military at Ambon is estimated at around 10,000. While the Indonesian Jihad forces that consist of the Indonesian Jihad, Mudjahidin, Al-Quada and Jamaah Islamiyah have reached today the number of over 13,000 Indonesian Jihad fighters since April 28, 2004.

**3.To request the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Mr. Rudolph Stavenhagen to send a UN international fact finding mission into Maluku to investigate at place the true situation and the authentic national aspirations of the indigenous Alifuru people.**

A UN fact finding mission to report the true situation in Maluku is needed. All what is Indonesian is a tool to be used against the Moluccan people.

As is the case on May 10 when the people of the Galala region in Ambon witness three Indonesian soldiers of the Arhanud 11 division carrying their full automatic weapons were posing to be photographed by their unit friends in front of the Galala church with the Moluccan flag and rounds of ammunition hanging from the churchbell. At the demand of the people of Galala the church filed this as a serious complaint to the appropriate military police..The three Arhanud soldiers and their platoon commander Try Sugianto were apprehended...and later released by order of Lt. General Sanfudin Suma who stated that this case was only a practical joke.

This so-called practical joke was to serve as evidence of fully armed Moluccan Christian soldiers and so would give the Indonesian military and the Jihad forces green light for the attack of the church and people in Galala.

It is of great importance that the UN fact finding team in Maluku would also help to let the people freely express their true wishes in their authentic national aspirations that was constantly denied to them since Indonesian aggression and illegal occupation.

**4. To investigate, apprehend and indict all the perpetrators of the atrocities, violations of human rights, crimes and war crimes against humanity committed against the indigenous Alifuru people of Maluku,**

From 1999 until 2003 under the so-called "internal religious clashes between Muslim and Christian Moluccans" as was labelled by the Indonesian government more than 40.000 Moluccan people were killed by the Indonesian military and Indonesian Jihad forces. However, this war in Maluku that was imposed by the Indonesian army is believed to be a high political of Jakarta but outplayed in Maluku. The war in Maluku has triggered the change of Government in Jakarta. There are strong speculations that the current war situation might give an impact on the presidential race in July and could lead the Indonesian military to recover their lost position in Indonesian governing system.

The indigenous Alifuru people in Maluku believes that the war situation that is imposed on them has been ignited and initiated from the high top levels in Jakarta at the cost of the existence of Maluku as Land and Nation.

**5. To call for the release of all Moluccan nationalists detained and imprisoned by the Indonesian military because of the hoisting of the Moluccan flag, distributing and possessing of RMS documentation, wearing of the RMS t-shirts etc.**

Until now hundreds of young Moluccans men and women have been detained on the accusation of 'treason' because they were mere expressing their true feelings for their national aspirations to be free and liberated as a Moluccan Alifuru. But the Indonesian Jihad fighters and military who were to be held accountable for all the killings, atrocities, crimes, war crimes and crimes against humanity in Maluku remain free and continue to plan launching and attacks against the people.

The Commander of the Jihad forces, Jafar Umar Thalib, has just arrived in Maluku again and all the Muslims Moluccans were forbidden to interact with their Christian families.

The Commander's arrival in Maluku every times coincides with the brutal attack, slaughter and annihilation of a region of the indigenous Alifuru, whether Christian or Muslim.

#### **6. To call for an immediate weapon embargo for Indonesia.**

The Indonesian Jihad forces use the war vessels of the Indonesian marine to recently attack the indigenous Alifuru people on the coastal areas of Latuhalat, Buru, and Ambon.

We ask the through this statement also the Dutch Government to stop the selling and delivering of Dutch war vessels to Indonesia.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.