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

First of all, I would like to thank you for giving us West Papua indigenous peoples the opportunity for presenting the aspiration of our peoples in the 15th session of UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

It is over 53 years since 1963, Netherlands New Guinea or West Papua join with Indonesia as Irian Jaya and the dishonest result of the act of free choice in 1969, which our human rights and fundamental freedom in West Papua 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, continue face the ongoing conflict, human rights abuses, the ongoing genocide, our race and way of life under the threat of extinction.

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

To be known by International communities, on 7 of March 2016 this year, the Solidarity of Papuan Public Servant gather in Jayapura and signed on the banner in supporting Governor and Deputy Governor of Papua Province statement to return the Special Autonomy Law No.21 of the year 2001 back to Indonesia Central Government.

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.

The Conflict and Human rights violations in West Papua continued to increase in several places in West Papua such as in Jayapura, Timika, Wamena, Puncak ,Lani Jaya, Tinggimambut ,Puncak Jaya, Paniai, Oksibil, Manokwari, Sorong and Serui.

And to be known by the international community, Indigenous People of West Papua face the ongoing conflict and human rights violations because of our demand for Self-Determination and Independence, however the human rights violations in West Papua has been forgotten by International communities.

United Nations do not see West Papua human rights situation with one eye but we need both eye.

Therefore through this 15th Session of the UNPFII,

-We the representatives and indigenous peoples of West Papua are here today in United Nations in New York, we call upon United Nations Secretary General, We need a peaceful solution for the ongoing conflict and human rights violations in West Papua.

-We urge the United Nations System to follow up the recommendation of UN Permanent Forum and to follow up the Report of the Study on Decolonization in the Pacific Region by Ms.Valmaine Toki.

-We West Papua indigenous peoples call upon the United Nations for exercising our Right to Self-Determination and 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 right to Self-Determination.

Wa wa wa wa wa . I thank you for your attention.

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