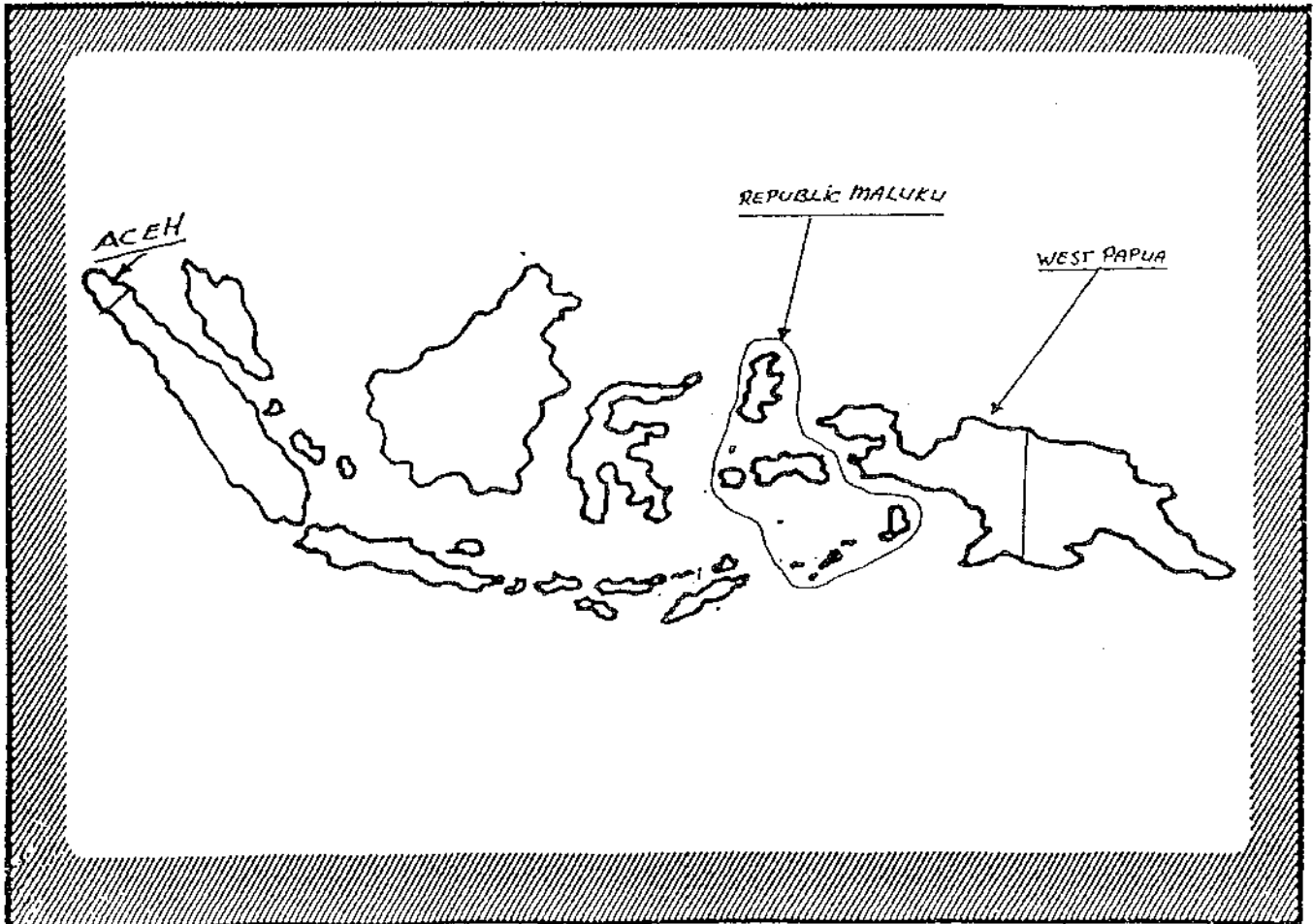




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Review of developments pertaining to the promotion and
protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of
indigenous populations: General statements

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 23rd session of working group on indigoes populations.

We are again honoured to attend this conference where each year experiences, thoughts and sometimes even solutions can be shared with other indigoes delegations.

But on the other hand it is very sorrowful to learn how more specific rights has been violated all over the world.

Mr Chairperson, Distinguished Delegates

The Human rights-situations on the Moluccas

Since 2003-2005 recent updated reports were presented to the Moluccan Human Rights NGO: Mena Muria Foundation Human Rights Moluccas (S-E Asia) – These reports were presented by a member of our liaison NGO on the Moluccas. A short summary:

- 1) 6.000 people died
- 2) 13.000 people are wounded
- 3) 65.000 houses burned down
- 4) 300 churches burned down
- 5) 40 mosques burned down
- 6) Several schools, city halls, public buildings are burned down
- 7) Two hospitals in Tatul are burned down.
- 8) Two Military camps are burned down
- 9) Two Universities in Unpatty and Ukim are burned down
- 10) 500.000 IDP's

In the month April 2003 people of the Moluccas have appealed to their rights of political self-determination: 1.600 of Moluccan flags has been hoisted. Result; the arrest of hundreds of Moluccans.

The names of 64 detainees are reported to the Mena Mura Foundation; more than 200 persons were arrested.

The detainees are kept in custody without legal defense\support. Detainees are being mistreated.

MMF is in the possession of a video-tape that shows torture of Moluccan men by the Indonesian Military

The Human rights of the Moluccan people have been violated for many years (from the early 50's) when the Moluccans territory was annexed by the Indonesian military. A same political strategy occurred in East-Timor in 1975.

In order to restore law and order in the Moluccas so-called 'representatives of both parties' (Christian and Muslim) signed the Malino-agreement on February the 12th 2002.

The people of the Moluccas did not have the opportunity to select or choose the representatives to participate in the agreement; the result of the Malino-agreement was and still is not commonly accepted by the ordinary Moluccan people.

News articles: SiwaLima and Ambon Ekspres

Developments are going worse in the Moluccas. No UN office in the Moluccas.

The rejection of the initiative of establishing a UN office in Ambon, capital of the Moluccas, by the several organizations like the Muslim students organization was reinforced by a statement of General *Augustadi*.

The reason of the rejection is the fear of several organizations that pro-RMS activists will appeal for impunity at the UN office.

A representative of the Indonesian parliament *Ir. J. Tipla* is of the opinion that the UN office has to be established in the benefit of the ordinary people of the Moluccas and the situation in the Moluccas who have suffered in the civil war on the Moluccas.

The establishment of a UN-Office is not related to pro-RMS organizations.

In the period April 2003 – present newspapers report stories of people of the Moluccas who are appealing to their fundamental rights of self-determination, respect of human rights. People do not fear the risk of being taken in to custody.

Indigenous Rights Moluccas

A Moluccan delegation stated during the 60th meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (Geneva) that UN Special reporters has to be send to the Moluccas.

The UN Special reporters have to concentrate on issues such as: mistreatment, access to legal aid, health issues and internal displaced persons (IDP's) on the Moluccas, A difficult point remains the permission from the Indonesian authorities for investigation on the Moluccas.

During the past 5 years of 'civil-war' on the Moluccas, the cry for international intervention from the UN, has been denied or ignored.

The UN nor the European Union have taken any initiative to propose a resolution for intervention on the Moluccas.

Mena Muria Foundation therefore has discussed the issue with staff members of 5 UN Special Rapporteurs how to get access to the Moluccas with an UN-mandate.

During the UN Commission meeting in Geneva the Mena Muria Foundation has stated that human rights are still being violated by the provocative-policy from Jakarta.

'Suspects' are in jail without any access to legal assistance, it is forbidden for the people to discuss matters on the right of political self-determination.

During the commemoration of the Moluccan National Day (25th of April) the Mena Muria Foundation has reported annually on the participation at the UN commission in Geneva.

In Conclusion.

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He Secretary General by the meeting of the Decolonization Committee. Says Goal of Eradication Colonialism by year 2000 should guide his work. SG/SM/6456 GA/COL/2975 6 Feb 1998.

The right to Self-Determination has been established as the right of people to choose to be independent, to be associated with another state, or to integrate with another state.

Therefore there is no formula that should be imposed:

However the people of Non Self Governing Territories should be assisted in their selection of what is best for their future-

We hope that future international conferences like today will take into consideration the role that indigenous people can play within the international community, when their Human Rights are granted and recognized,

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Delegates,

**Fighting for what is yours, isn't revolution
Fighting for what is yours, is Justice**

We wish you all the best and God Bless

Thank you Mr. Chairman

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FIGHTING FOR WHAT IS YOURS ISN'T REVOLUTION IT'S JUSTICE!

The United Nations has guaranteed the right of self-determination since its inception. On April 25, 1950, we, the Moluccan people, issued our Declaration of Independence. On July 13, 1950, Indonesian forces invaded our nation. We have been struggling under the oppression of the Indonesian government to exercise our rights since the beginning of their occupation of our nation, the Republic of South Moluccas, in 1950. We demand the right to self-determination as agreed to by the United States of Indonesia and the Netherlands in both the Linggadjati Agreement of 1947 and the Round Table Conference agreements of 1949 under the Aegis of The United Nations.