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THE RETURN OF SOVEREIGNTY MANAGEMENT OF FOREST

AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The management of forest and natural resources damaged the environment in surround indigenous's place. It has been a general theme for years in Indonesia. Economic development is a night mare in Soeharto's rezim. Especially for Indigenous People. Some, government policies have made trouble among the people. Most of all, armi or police are involved. They use security approach to fight Indigenous's struggle.

The indigenous people has to remain in control of the natural resources. We find some provinces like Aceh, Papua, Kalimantan, Sulawesi and Maluku separating them selves from Indonesia. It is one of the negative effects from all situation.

Archipelago Indigenos People Congress, March 1999, said in their political statement that "If government do not recognize us, we shall not recognize the government too". Sulawesi-Tengah Indigenous People Congress, May 2000, also issued a statement that " The Autonomy Maintain management of natural resources for Indigenous People". These are accumulations of local problems. And do not have solutions. Indigenous believe that national law system or government policy do not take side with the Indigenous People.

Government and indigenous people have to correct the relation ship between them. Especially, management of forest and natural resources relatin. Because in Indonesia will find 72 % forest damaged (1997 survey). Government have to change their opinion about indigenous. They always label the indigenous as idiot, stupid poor, alien or man without - Cui wife

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culture.

Indigenous community have their own system for management and environment. But, this is destroyed by government in cooperatin with the capitalist.

Indigenous community have been never involved in development. In fact, they are accused of damaging the forest and natural resources act.

State must restore indigenous's right and maintain all custom and tradition. Until they can survive. In fact, they can help state to fight political, social, economic, law and culture violence. Indigenous people have to be give the apportunity. They will put nation basic. State must guarantee indigenous's right enforcement. These are pre-conditions for nation building.

We ask toall nations to push actively for human right Covenant and Economic, social-Culture right Covenant development. Based an Indivudual's human right. Indonesian culture have communalistic, like culture and social.

Beside those, we have to see at the 'local work', like hunt, farmer, and the others to put them in the covenant. Actually with some adaption.

States with indigenous people at the base must be a leader to urge for international law formulation. And as a shelter for indigenous people rights. Indonesia's should put indigenous people values in the top of nation. Of course the value's is an elder's heritage. Lastly, it is a source for the dignity and unity of the indigenous people.

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