PAPUAN POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE PRISONERS

Regarding: Statement of Papuan Political Independence Prisoners from the colonial state prison of Indonesia, in relation to the bestowing of clemency

To:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

In-

Jakarta

With respect,

The suffering currently experienced by the people of the Nation of Papua, of the negroid Melanesian race of the South Pacific, is a long dark struggle. The Papuan Nation has paid a heavy price for a free and dignified life as a nationality, since Indonesia annexed the Papuan nation in 1961 until today. From time to time the nation of Papua fall scattered across the ground as victims of state crime, and their humanity is punished arbitrarily under the colonialism of the Indonesian government. The grip of colonialist Indonesia is growing ever stronger, and Papuan people everywhere experience genocide. A culture of silence has begun to shackle hundreds of thousands of Papuans. Our freedom and justice has been robbed, and Papuans are experiencing a crisis of identity, loss of selfhood, the plunder of natural resources on a massive scale, and a slow but certain ethnic Genocide.

For these reasons, the total and comprehensive resolution of the political status of Papua cannot be achieved partially by the violence of military operations, or through the equality and development approach; on the contrary the human rights situation in Papua will worsen as the slow extermination of the Papuan nation continues. The Government of the Republic of Indonesia has already underlined its commitment to the world's nations during the Session of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland in 2012 that the political conflict in Papua will be resolved peacefully, totally, and in a dignified way, with the leaders of the Papuan resistance, via a fair and democratic process, mediated by a neutral party. However in reality, the Government of Indonesia has unilaterally reduced the values of law and democracy as well as the recommendations of the United Nations by killing and to drag Papuans arbitrarily through the 'development and equality' framework.

In 2013, the Government of Indonesia has given clemency to free Papuan Political Independence Prisoners in all the Papuan jails, under the aegis of Special Autonomy Plus. Papuan Political Independence Prisoners would be freed with the guarantee of being given jobs and facilities in the Government of Indonesia. Papuan Political Independence Prisoners feel betrayed by this offer of freedom from the Government of Indonesia. We are not struggling for positions or looking for personal gain. We struggle and have been detained for defending our nation's dignity and working to save the nation of Papua from discrimination, marginalization, minority and ethnic extinction.

We the undersigned political prisoners therefore firmly state that:

- 1. We reject the Government of Indonesia's plan to give us clemency.
- We do not need to be freed from jail, but we need and demand the freedom of the nation of Papua from the colonialisation of the colonial state of the Republic of Indonesia.

This is our statement, made with full responsibility for the dignity of the land and nation of Papua. Thank you.

Abepura prison, Monday 27 May 2013 Papuan Political Independence Prisoners Selpius Bobii Jeprai Murip Agust M. S. Kraar Dago Ronald Gobai Ferdinandus Pakage kabor Denny Imanuel Hisage odemus Sosomar Rendy/W. Wetipo Petrus Narotou Oliken Giax Soleman Teno Timur Wakerkwa Yulianus Wenda **Boas Gombo Marsel Asso** Panius Kogoya **Andinus Karoba** Kimeus Wenda

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