

STATEMENT BY RONALD WAROMI, WEST PAPUA INTEREST ASSOCIATION
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THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, 30TH NOVEMBER TO 4TH DECEMBER
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Distinguish Madam Chairperson of EMRIP and Members

UN Member State, UN Body, Indigenous Brothers and Sister

Ladies and Gentlemen

First of all, Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak through this EMRIP 13th Session Regional meeting representing the aspiration of West Papua indigenous peoples.

Madam Chair

The number of COVID-19 infections continue increase in Papua Province and West Papua Province on the land of West Papua.

Indigenous Peoples as likely to be living in extreme poverty and are more likely to suffer negative outcomes from infectious diseases. Many Indigenous communities are already impacted by malnutrition, and lack access to quality healthcare

Indigenous peoples in West Papua are seeking their own solutions to this pandemic and using traditional medicine practice.

Madam Chair,

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People

Today, around 90 organization and groups consist of West Papua indigenous peoples organization and West Papua student groups those in West Papua and other place in Indonesia join and support West Papua people's petition- PETISI RAKYAT PAPUA strongly reject the special autonomy second period and call for West Papua Rights to Self-Determination and Independence.

Including 57 Catholic indigenous priest Reject the Special Autonomy and call for Referendum.

West Papua indigenous peoples and West Papua University Student continue reject the special autonomy second period during the Hearing Meeting organized by Papua Peoples Assembly (MRP) in West Papua and indigenous peoples expressing their opinion through gathering and through statement to MRP Reject the Special Autonomy for Papua second period.

The United Nations pay greater attention to COVID-19 but Human Rights Situation in West Papua more dangerous then covid-19 that also need the equal treatment

Human Rights violation still continue occurred in West Papua, The lives of indigenous peoples and refugees families in conflict areas such Nduga, Intan Jaya, Ilaga Puncak, Tembagapura Mimika and other place in West Papua are of great concern.

Madam Chair

The Right to Self-Determination have been articulated in United Nations Charter, ICCPR, ICSECR, and UN Declaration on Indigenous Peoples, We call upon United Nations Member state to support and UN General Assembly to place back Netherlands Nieuw Guinea - West Papua on UN List of Decolonization as the Non-Self Governing Territtory .

Bikpala thank you tru na honor igo long Vanuatu gavman for raise concern about human rights situation in West Papua.

I thank you for your attention.