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Subject: Ending of Papua program

Dear

In this letter I want to inform you that Justice and Peace Netherlands cannot continue its work in support of "Papua, Land of Peace" in 2011.

Government funding from the Dutch government to civil society organisations working in the field of development, democratisation and human rights has been severely reduced. As a consequence, it has become harder for Justice and Peace Netherlands to cover all its programs. These reductions have been foreseen for a longer time, but final decisions regarding specific programs have only been made in the past few weeks.

For the Papua program, Justice and Peace did not manage to find any funding. Therefore we are not able to continue the program, despite our longstanding relationship with the area, our commitment to "Papua, Land of Peace" and our deep respect for the work of the Justice and Peace Commissions and other church groups and civil society organisations over there.

As a consequence, Justice and Peace can no longer contribute to the work of the Faith-based Network on West Papua and therefore our participation in the Network will end as well. From 2011 onwards, the secretariat of the Faith-based Network on West Papua will be held by the West Papua Netzwerk in Germany. The new contact person for the secretariat is Ms Kristina Neubauer. Please see www.west-papua-netz.de for contact details. The participants of the Faith-based Network on West Papua will ofcourse continue to raise human rights violations in Papua, Indonesia.

It is with sincere sadness that we convey you this news. We realise that relations that have existed for decades will come to an end, but our commitment to the plight of the Papuan people will remain. A lot has been achieved, but we'd hoped to achieve much more. We are grateful for the chance to cooperate with you and hope to see your work on the human rights situation in Papua being continued.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any questions or are in need of more specific explanations about this decision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor Scheffers".

Victor Scheffers

Director