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Subject: Extrajudicial Execution of Opinus Tabuni, Papua Province, Indonesia

Dear Mr. Philip Alston,

Herewith we request your attention towards the extrajudicial execution of **Opinus Tabuni (49)**, an indigenous Papuan who was shot dead on 9 August, International Day of Indigenous Peoples, by members of the Indonesian security forces during a peaceful demonstration in Wamena, Papua Province, Indonesia.

Until now the identity of the perpetrator who shot Opinus Tabuni has not been made public by the Indonesian Police.

In the communication with the Indonesian Government we therefore ask you to:

- 1) Urge the Indonesian President and the Indonesian Government to guarantee the full investigation of the extrajudicial execution of Opinus Tabuni and carry out the prosecution of the perpetrator in accordance with Indonesian law;
- 2) Remind the Indonesian Government of its international obligations to respect and fulfill the ratified International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Social, Economical and Cultural Rights, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and other international and national standards guaranteeing the right to life;
- 3) Remind the Indonesian Government to respect as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous People;
- 4) To urge the Indonesian Government to respect the right of the Indigenous People of Papua to celebrate the International Day of Indigenous People peacefully.

We would encourage you to request an invitation from the Government of Indonesia to visit the country, with a special focus on the Provinces of Papua and West Papua, as cases of extrajudicial executions are not properly investigated and the perpetrators enjoy almost full impunity by the Indonesian State.

Please find attached detailed information about the extrajudicial execution of Opinus Tabuni.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1

Chronology of Events

On 9 August 2008, several thousand native Papuans peacefully celebrated the International Day of Indigenous People at the Sinapuk Field, in the city of Wamena, District Jayawijaya, Papua Province, Indonesia. It was the first time indigenous Papuans were celebrating the International Day of Indigenous People and people had gathered since morning rejoicing with traditional dancing, singing and speeches. At 2 pm some people within the crowd put up on wooden sticks the Indonesian Flag, the United Nations Flag, the SOS Flag and the Morningstar Flag of the Indigenous People of Papua. The Head of Jayawijaya District Police (Kapolres) Drs. Abd. Azis Djamaludin gave immediate order for warning shots and the present police forces fired into the air for approximately three to four minutes. During these shootings Opinus Tabuni was shot dead by a bullet in his right side. At the time of the shooting the victim had been approximately 50 – 70 meters away from Sinapuk Field. Local people brought the dead body of Opinus Tabuni to the House of the Traditional Council of Papua (Dewan Adat Papua) in Tricia Street. On 10 August, 12pm, the corps was brought for an autopsy to the Hospital of Wamena.

Appendix 2

Police Investigation of the case

During the autopsy, a bullet piece (2 millimeter length/ 0,5 millimeter diameter) was found in the right side of the heart of Opinus Tabuni. On 11 August, the bullet piece was sent for further examination to the forensic laboratory of the Indonesian Police Force in Makassar, but until now the owner of the firearm from which the bullet was fired has not been identified by the Police Forces. According to the Head of Jayawijaya District Police (Kapolres) Drs. Abd. Azis Djamaludin members of BIN (Badan Intelijen Negara/ State Intelligence Body under the President), BAIS (Badan Intelijen Strategis/ Strategic Intelligence Body under the Indonesian Armed Forces), Intel Polres (Intelligence of District Police), Kopassus (Komando Pasukan Khusus/ Special Forces under the Amy), Kodim 1702 Wamena (Komando Distrik Militer/ District Military Command) and Polres Wamena (Kepolisian Resort/ District Level Police) had all been at the location of the incident.

Appendix 3

Identification of the Victim

1. Family name : Tabuni
2. First name : Opinus
3. Sex : male
4. Age : 45
5. Place of Origin : Piramid, Jayawijaya District
6. Ethnic : Dani
7. Nationality : Indonesian
8. Profession : Farmer

**Appendix 4
Photos**



Figure 1: Native Papuans celebrating International Day of Indigenous People in Papua



Figure 2: Wamena 9 August 2008



Figure 3: Thousands of Papuans join demonstration



Figure 4: Celebrations on Sinapuk Field 1



Figure 5: International Day of Indigenous People Wamena Papua 2008



Figure 6: Peaceful Celebrations on Sinapuk Field



Figure 7: Papuan Morningstar flag, Indonesian- and SOS-Flag



Figure 8: Morningstar-, UN- and SOS-Flag



Figure 9: Police Forces guarding the celebrations



Figure 10: Police Forces firing warning shots



Figure 11: Opinus Tabuni shot dead



Figure 12: Bullet in right side of O. Tabunis body



Figure 13: Autopsy of Opinus Tabuni Wamena Hospital, 10 August 2008



Figure 14: Bullet piece found in right side of the heart



Figure 15: The bullet piece that killed Opinus Tabuni