

R35 Support for West Papuan Indigenous Rights & Biodiversity

Proposer: Green Party of England and Wales

Status: Modified

Resolution text

1 Preamble:

2 West Papuans have experienced over 50 years of human rights abuses at the hands
3 of the Indonesian Government and are seeing the destruction of one of the
4 largest and most biodiverse rainforests in the world.

5 The people of West Papua have been struggling for freedom from Indonesia's
6 colonial occupation since 1963.

7 Over 500,000 West Papuan civilians have been killed by Indonesia's military.
8 Thousands more have been raped, tortured or forcibly disappeared. Racism and
9 discrimination are a daily reality and basic human rights including freedom of
10 speech are outlawed. There are hundreds of West Papuan political prisoners
11 serving lengthy terms for the 'crime' of peacefully expressing themselves.

12 The Indonesian Government have banned international media and human rights
13 organisations from operating in West Papua, ensuring that news about what is
14 happening rarely reaches the outside world.

15 Gold and copper mining, oil and gas extraction, palm oil plantations, highway
16 development projects, and tourism, promoted and permitted under Indonesian
17 colonial rule, are destroying West Papua's natural environment and contributing
18 to global climate collapse.

19 West Papuans have a 'Green State Vision' based on environmental and social
20 protection, indigenous environmental management and respect for the natural
21 world. This new social order will restore and protect the environment and
22 maintain balance and harmony in and amongst people and the environment. West
23 Papuans intend to sustainably manage New Guinea's rainforests and its
24 biodiversity for the good of the global community.

25 Operative Text:

26 This Global Greens Congress:

- 27 • Supports solutions coming from indigenous people in West Papua to address
28 the climate emergency.
- 29 • Supports West Papuans in their fight against human rights abuses by the
30 Indonesian Government.
- 31 • Supports West Papuans' right to self-determination, acknowledging that
32 under the UN Charter this right is based on the fact they are currently a
33 persecuted indigenous people.
- 34 • Supports West Papuans' aim to create the Earth's first Green State.

35 Background Text:

36 Reference documents:

- 37 • Green State Vision - [https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-](https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/West-Papua-Green-State-Vision.pdf)
38 [content/uploads/2021/12/West-Papua-Green-State-Vision.pdf](https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/West-Papua-Green-State-Vision.pdf)
- 39 • UN renew calls seeking access to West Papua -
40 [https://www.freewestpapua.org/2022/11/25/un-renew-calls-seeking-access-to-](https://www.freewestpapua.org/2022/11/25/un-renew-calls-seeking-access-to-west-papua/)
41 [west-papua/](https://www.freewestpapua.org/2022/11/25/un-renew-calls-seeking-access-to-west-papua/)
- 42 • Bellingcat report into the Indonesian Government's use of social media
43 bots to seed disinformation on West Papua -
44 <https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp->

[content/uploads/2019/10/Investigating_Information_Operations_in_West_Papua-.pdf](#)

- Papuans Behind Bars - <https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Papuans-Behind-Bars-report-Oct-2020-Sept-2021.pdf>
- Free West Papua information leaflet - https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/FWP_leaflet_april2013_v3.pdf
- The West Papuans' campaign for self determination is supported by many groups and individuals including politicians and lawyers. Support includes from:
 - Global Justice Now
 - Indigenous Environmental Network
 - No White Saviors (Uganda)
 - Stop Ecocide International
 - Students Organising for Sustainability International
 - Extinction Rebellion (UK, Mexico, Africa, Australia, Ireland, Argentina)
 - Free West Papua Campaign (UK)
 - West Papua Action Aotearoa
 - Merdeka: West Papua Support Network
 - International Lawyers for West Papua (ILWP)
 - West Papua Support Dunedin (Aotearoa New Zealand)
 - Rettet die Naturvölker e.V. - RdN (Friends of People Close to Nature)
 - Save America's Forests
 - Youth Advocates for Climate Action Philippines
 - Alliance for Future Generations – Fiji
 - Fridays For Future Scotland