R35 Support for West Papuan Indigenous Rights & Biodiversity

Proposer: Green Party of England and Wales

## Resolution text

Preamble:

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

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

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

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

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

West Papuans should have green governance of their land based on environmental and social protection, indigenous environmental management and respect for the natural world. This new social order will restore and protect the environment and maintain balance and harmony in and amongst people and the environment. West Papuans intend to sustainably manage New Guinea's rainforests and its biodiversity for the good of the global community.

Nevertheless, it is ultimately for the West Papuans to decide how to proceed with any green governance as part of their rights to self-determination, and how to involve as many West Papuans as possible in every step of the process.

Operative Text:

This Global Greens Congress:

- Supports solutions coming from indigenous people in West Papua to address the climate emergency.
- Supports West Papuans in their fight against human rights abuses by the Indonesian Government.
- Supports West Papuans' right to self-determination, acknowledging that under the UN Charter this right is based on the fact they are currently a persecuted indigenous people
- Supports West Papuans to create their own vision for green governance.

Background Text:

Reference documents:

- UN renew calls seeking access to West Papua - https://www.freewestpapua.org/2022/11/25/un-renew-calls-seeking-access-to-west-papua/
- Bellingcat report into the Indonesian Government's use of social media bots to seed disinformation on West Papua - https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-

content/uploads/2019/10/Investigating_Information_Operations_in_West_Papua-.pdf

- Papuans Behind Bard - 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