

R35 Support for West Papuan Indigenous Rights & Biodiversity

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

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

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

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

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

30 Operative Text:

31 This Global Greens Congress:

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

40 Background Text:

41 Reference documents:

- 42 • UN renew calls seeking access to West Papua -
43 [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/)
44 [west-papua/](https://www.freewestpapua.org/2022/11/25/un-renew-calls-seeking-access-to-west-papua/)
- 45 • Bellingcat report into the Indonesian Government's use of social media
46 bots to seed disinformation on West Papua -
47 <https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp->

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

50 • Papuans Behind Bard - [https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-](https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Papuans-Behind-Bars-report-Oct-2020-Sept-2021.pdf)
51 [content/uploads/2021/11/Papuans-Behind-Bars-report-Oct-2020-Sept-2021.pdf](https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Papuans-Behind-Bars-report-Oct-2020-Sept-2021.pdf)

52 • Free West Papua information leaflet - [https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-](https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/FWP_leaflet_april2013_v3.pdf)
53 [content/uploads/2013/04/FWP_leaflet_april2013_v3.pdf](https://www.freewestpapua.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/FWP_leaflet_april2013_v3.pdf)

54 • The West Papuans' campaign for self determination is supported by many
55 groups and individuals including politicians and lawyers. Support includes
56 from:

57 • Global Justice Now

58 • Indigenous Environmental Network

59 • No White Saviors (Uganda)

60 • Stop Ecocide International

61 • Students Organising for Sustainability International

62 • Extinction Rebellion (UK, Mexico, Africa, Australia, Ireland, Argentina)

63 • Free West Papua Campaign (UK)

64 • West Papua Action Aotearoa

65 • Merdeka: West Papua Support Network

66 • International Lawyers for West Papua (ILWP)

67 • West Papua Support Dunedin (Aotearoa New Zealand)

68 • Rettet die Naturvölker e.V. - RdN (Friends of People Close to Nature)

69 • Save America's Forests

70 • Youth Advocates for Climate Action Philippines

71 • Alliance for Future Generations – Fiji

72 • Fridays For Future Scotland