

Joint Statement

We are indigenous leaders and owners of the traditional lands and forests from the Mandobo tribe in Kali Kao, Boven Digoel regency; Malind tribe in Muting, Merauke regency; Mpur tribe in Kebar, Tambrau regency; Moi tribe in Klasouw and Klayili, Sorong regency; Maybrat tribe in Ikana, South Sorong regency; along with civil society and religious organisations.

Currently, we, the indigenous peoples, traditional villagers and forest people, and the places where we are living are under pressure and face sustained injustice and social tension due to large-scale “development’ activities conducted by plantation and commercial logging companies.

Our customary lands and the forests of West Papua have been seized and taken without our free, prior, and informed consent. This process occurs with direct involvement of the government as policy maker, license issuer, and security provider.

Company activities have both caused damage to, and threaten further loss of, forests and villages that serve as the food source of local people. We have lost forest resources including timber, rattan, animals, medicinal plants, clean water and other natural resources that are the sources local peoples’ lives and livelihoods. We are threatened with the loss of sovereignty and autonomy over invaluable traditional knowledge and management systems.

We are guardians of the lands and forests, and defenders of human rights and the environment, yet we suffer from intimidation, violence and imprisonment. Our basic rights to freedom of expression, association and free speech are attacked, limited and suppressed.

Policies and activities of the companies are in violation with the constitution and laws, as well as our customary laws and practices. These policies are not in line with the mission of the government today to realise the sovereignty and autonomy of the people.

Against this background, we declare that we oppose any policies and activities that threaten the sustainability of our lives, harm the people, or destroy the environment.

We demand, request and urge:

1. The government to immediately recognize and respect the sovereignty and rights of West Papuan peoples over our traditional lands and forests, to determine the policies, laws, and programs in our traditional territories.
2. The central and local governments to review and revoke agreements, rights of use, permits on land and forest products operating in our

customary territories, which are given unilaterally to companies and ignore our customary rights, harm the people and destroy the environment, and are contrary to laws and regulations;

3. The government to conduct environmental audits covering performance of all large-scale plantation companies and associated environmental, social, and economic impacts; and to provide sanctions, namely, to not extend environmental permits and ensure enforcement of the law against the companies;
4. The government and companies to be responsible for rehabilitation of destroyed and/or damaged forest and local sago resources, and to provide incentive programs to compensate peoples' losses.
5. The government and companies to cease stationing of security forces such as Brimob, Polri and TNI in plantation areas and company offices, to stop utilising a security approach and its' tactics of intimidation, discrimination and physical violence in resolving disputes, protest and complaints by the people;
6. The government and companies to resolve any disputes by using the formal legal system, as well as customary justice systems and legal institutions that exist in society and used wisely, justly, and peacefully;
7. The government to protect human rights defenders and environmental defenders across the Land of Papua, and to ensure that all criminals are tried in court;
8. We affirm that "Papua is not empty land", we demand the government and companies to respect our basic rights in conducting various activities relating to development and utilization of the land and natural resources in Papua, by developing efforts based on knowledge and resources owned by West Papuan peoples, and to involve the indigenous peoples as widely as possible.

In conclusion, we wish that our requests are implemented in earnest.

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