



UNITED LIBERATION MOVEMENT FOR WEST PAPUA (ULMWP)

Distinguished Chair, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, Manasseh Sogavare, MSG leaders, respected delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

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First of all, on behalf of 1,7 million melanesian population in West Papua that we represent through the United Liberation Movement for West Papua we would like to convey our deepest and most sincere gratitude to you all.

We welcomed your communique of 2013 in Noumea when you agreed to fully support the inalienable right of the people of West Papua for self determination as provided under the preamble of the MSG constitution. At the 19th MSG Leaders Summit in Noumea you also raised your concerns relating to human rights violations and atrocities in West Papua. These decisions gave us hope. This decision awakening our melanesian brother and sister in all melanesian countries. You signalled to not just us as leaders but the entire people of West Papua your commitment to strengthen our Melanesian solidarity and all way to our polinesian and micronesia country.

During the Special MSG Leaders Summit held in Port Moresby in June 2014 MSG leaders invited West Papuans to form a more united body and resubmit an application for membership.

We stand before you today to state that we have fulfilled that condition: the people of West Papua are united under the leadership of the ULMWP. And our unity is supported by the people of Melanesia.

We, the five leaders of the ULMWP were elected in Jayapura, Capital City of Papua Province in July 2011 by 500 delegates representing seven customary regions of West Papua, consisting of more than 257 tribes.

Our unification was sponsored by the Government and people of Vanuatu, the Malvatumauri National Council of Chiefs, the Vanuatu Council of Churches and facilitated by the Pacific Conference of Churches. At the unifications of West Papua Leaders Summit in Port Vila in December 2014 we were re-elected by three main resistance groups in West Papua.

Our leadership has been further legitimised by over 55,000 people who signed a petition supporting ULMWP's application for full membership. This petitioner are not only Papuan, Melanesian. You will see population of West Papua, Indonesian. You will see with their clear organisation, you will see that also include muslims. you will name and their affiliated organisation. Many of these petitioners have been arrested, jailed and tortured. Some were killed. When in in May 2015 Indonesian Prsiden Djoko Widodo release 5 political prisoners, Indonesian military and police arrest 501 in same month, May and June 2015. They were arrest simply because they rally peacefully to support our application for full membership at MSG. In this peacefull demosntration they holding the flag of MSG member countries. some of this peacefull demonstrator are killed.

The MSG leader, for 53 years, we struggled on our own against a foreign colonial ruler: Indonesia.

For 53 years, we have endured the most severe human rights violations: torture, killings, dissapearance, rape, arbitraty arrest and detention. The lives of at least 500,000 people have been taken: women, childeren and men.

Indonesia's crimes against our Melanesian people have been acknowledged widely at different levels of government internationally and regionally (at the European Union, the United Nations Human Rights Council, the Pacific Island Forum, and the MSG). These crimes are rarely punished, perpetuating the cycle of impunity. Indonesia's judicial system is unwilling and unable to deliver justice.

Ten years ago, Juan Mendes, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Genocide Prevention included West Papua as one of ten nations around the world about to become extinct if there is no international attention. Various academics and international human rights organisations detailing the genocide taking place in West Papua.

In 5 years from now, in 2020 we will be less than 29% of the population in our own land. Our Melanesian identity, our Christian identity is under threat by a massive wave of migrants from Indonesian who are predominantly Asian and Muslim.

That is why today is so important to us. We may not be a full member of the MSG but a door has been opened to us. Now we are observers we will sit across the table from Indonesia as equals. As observers, MSG leaders effectively recognize that West Papua is a Melanesian nation-in-waiting.

Today, we wish to thank those leaders and especially the people who have supported us.

Thank you to Hon. Frank Banimarama, Prime Minister of Republic of Fiji for your fully support when we in 2013 apply for membership. We also would like to say thank you very much because your people from Church, Chieve, CSO and youth support us. First rally to support our applications at MSG was start in Suva. That really created wave of awareness not only among other Melanesian country but always to Polynesian and Micronesian countries.

Thank-you to the FLNKS who opened the door and invited us to the 19th MSG Leaders Summit in Noumea in 2013. In the middle of your struggle for freedom, you always support our struggle. Your struggle is our struggle and the other way around.

Thank-you to the Government of Vanuatu who helped reconcile and unify us in 2014. You are the only country which always support our freedom. In Vanuatu West Papua Issue not depend on party or leader, that national support. We thank you because you uphold your founding Father's word, Father Walter Lini once said If West Papua is not free we are not free.

I would like to thank you to Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea. You are the first Prime Minister who call us, our brother and sister from the other side. You the one who said, for so long we forgot them. And I thank you for your consistent speak out about our issue in variety of International forum. We are also thank you to house more than 10.000 papuan who are live in your country as refugee. We thank you to Papua New Guinean who share their land for us to survive.

I Thank-you to the Solomon Islands government who in the face of money and power has stood up for Melanesian values, traditions and identity. Thank-you to the people of the Solomon Islands who have embraced us as brothers and sisters. During these past few months you have shown true Christian love for your sisters and brothers in West Papua. For that we are deeply grateful.

We may not be full members of the MSG but today the people of Melanesia have already brought West Papua back to the family.

During the next two years we look forward to working in partnership with the chair of the MSG, the Solomon Island government, to advance our inalienable right to self-determination that was agreed by Melanesian leader in 2013. And in equal level with Indonesian government, we also looking forward that we can stop human rights violation that is genocide that taking place in west papua. Because sovereignty is not reason to slater your own people.

After 53 years a small opening has been created to make West Papua a Land of Peace.

Leaders will come and go but our struggle will go on. It will continue until finally we get our freedom.

We are not going away. Our struggle is not going away. This is only the first step but most historical one. With melanesian family behind us, now we take our massage to the world.

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Thank you.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'O' at the top, followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

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Secretary General of United Liberation Movement for West Papua, ULMWP.