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Excellency,

I refer to your letter of 2 August 2017 and for the information provided in response to the Committee's letter of 13 December 2016 concerning the situation of indigenous peoples in the Indonesian provinces of Papua and West Papua.

The Committee would like to thank the Government for the information provided in response to the allegations set out in the Committee's letter.

The Committee urges the State party to continue taking effective measures to ensure that the freedoms of expression and assembly are guaranteed in law and in practice. The Committee also expects that the State party take action to respond to allegations of arbitrary arrest and detention of protestors of West Papuan origin, as well as instances of forced disappearances and extrajudicial killings of West Papuan community leaders.

The Committee recommends that your Government submit its combined 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> periodic reports without further delay, and would like to inform your Government that the above-mentioned issues will be discussed in the context of the next review process.

Allow me, Excellency, to reiterate the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of Indonesia, with a view to assisting it to implement the Convention effectively.

Yours sincerely,



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