



**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF WEST PAPUA
ABEPURA PRISON, JAYAPURA, WEST PAPUA**

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Dear Chairman

I am writing from Abepura Prison to request your assistance in ensuring that the Federated Republic of West Papua is accepted as a full member of the Melanesian Spearhead Group this year.

Safety and security for all West Papuans has been much worse since the Papua Congress in October 2011, so I am also calling on the leaders of the Melanesian Spearhead Group to initiate a formal fact-finding mission.

West Papua has been occupied by Indonesia since 1 May 1963. MSG leaders may not be aware that we are now 48.73% of the population, down from 96% in 1962, with more than half-a-million (546,126) missing.

West Papua was a Dutch colony for sixty-four years, but then transferred to Indonesia by way of a New York Agreement driven by the United States, Australia and New Zealand. This was a Cold War transaction that over-rode South Pacific Commission intentions to develop self-determination programs for the Melanesian, Polynesian, and Micronesian peoples of the Pacific, including Dutch New Guinea.

In October 2011, the 3rd Papuan Congress condemned Indonesia for having failed, after fifty-years, to develop West Papua or even win the allegiance of the West Papuan people. Five thousand registered participants of the 3rd Congress mandated the Federated Republic of West Papua to deliver independence, and in doing so reclaim the western border of Melanesia.

I sincerely hope the leaders of the Melanesian Spearhead Group will this year find it in their hearts to accept the Federated Republic of West Papua as a full member.

Yours sincerely,



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