



July 31, 2011

Ms. Gabriella Habtom
Secretary
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
UNOG-OCHCHR, 1211
Geneva 10, Switzerland

**Re: INDONESIA – Request for Consideration under Early Warning
and Urgent Action Procedures**

Dear Ms. Habtom:

It is our honour to write you on behalf of Perkumpulan Sawit Watch; Forest Peoples Programme; PUSAKA; Perkumpulan Untuk Pembaharuan Hukum Berbasis Masyarakat dan Ekologis/HuMA (Association for Community and Ecologically-based Legal Reform); Keuskupan Agung Merauke/Sekretariat Keadilan dan Perdamaian (SKP KAME); Yayasan Santo Antonius (Yasanto, Merauke); Forum Kerjasama Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat (FOKER LSM) Papua/Papua NGOs Forum; Wahana Lingkungan Hidup Indonesia/WALHI (Friends of The Earth Indonesia); SAINS (Sajogyo Institute); Lembaga Studi dan Advokasi Masyarakat/ELSAM (The Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy); Down to Earth; Watch Indonesia; and Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara/AMAN (Indigenous People Alliance of the Archipelago) in order to respectfully submit this report to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

This submission requests that the Committee considers the situation of indigenous peoples in Merauke, Papua, Indonesia, under the early warning and urgent action procedures.

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In view of the seriousness and urgency of the situation, the submitting organizations respectfully request its consideration by the Committee during its 79th session, from 08 August – 2 September 2011.

Respectfully yours,

On behalf of the submitting organizations:

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Executive Director
Perkumpulan Sawit Watch

Fergus MacKay
Senior Counsel, Legal and Human Rights Programme
Forest Peoples Programme

on behalf of the additional Submitting Organizations:

PUSAKA

Perkumpulan Untuk Pembaharuan Hukum Berbasis Masyarakat dan Ekologis/HuMA (Association for Community and Ecologically-based Legal Reform)

Keuskupan Agung Merauke/Sekretariat Keadilan dan Perdamaian (SKP KAME)

Yayasan Santo Antonius (Yasanto, Merauke)

Forum Kerjasama Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat (FOKER LSM) Papua/Papua NGOs Forum

Wahana Lingkungan Hidup Indonesia/WALHI (Friends of The Earth Indonesia)

SAINS (Sajogyo Institute)

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