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Item 4: General debate

Joint Oral statement

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Mr. President,

We, VIVAT International and Franciscans International, would like to draw the Council attention on the human rights situation in West Papua. During the 3rd Cycle of the UPR in 2017, the Government of Indonesia has given the commitment to address human rights situation in West Papua, including to “finalize the investigation of all human rights cases in Papua.”¹

We express our concern that despite this commitment, the government of Indonesia fails to implement this recommendation. One of the symbolic cases was known as ‘Bloody Wasior’ were a gross human rights violation committed by members of the Indonesian security forces between April and October 2001 in Wasior, West Papua. The Indonesian Police and Military launched an operation called “Operasi Tuntas Matoa” following the conflict between West Papuans and logging companies. According to the Indonesian National Human Rights Commission’s report, indicated human rights violations included: 4 cases of killing, 39 cases of torture, including one case of death in custody as a result of torture, 1 case of rape and 5 cases of forced disappearance.

According to the article 9 of the Indonesian Law 26/2000 concerning Human Rights courts, the 2001 Bloody Wasior fulfil the criteria as a gross human rights violation. However, 17 years after the incident, the Government of Indonesian has still not shown any intention or commitment to resolve the case and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Therefore, we urge the Government of Indonesia to:

- 1. Bring the 2001 Bloody Wasior case to the human rights courts;**
- 2. Rehabilitate and restore the rights of victims and their families in accordance with Indonesian law.**

Thank you.

¹ See A/HRC/36/7/Add.1, recommendation 141.63