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Mr President,

This year marks 25 years since the adoption of UN Security Council resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security.

Indigenous women and children in West Papua are disproportionately bearing the brunt of the armed conflict between the Indonesian Security Forces and the West Papua National Liberation Army (TPNPB/OPM). As of mid-March 2025, more than 79,886 people are internally displaced.¹ Indigenous women and children are forced to travel long distances on foot over difficult terrain to access limited healthcare, education and livelihood opportunities. In its concluding observations in March 2024, the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) expressed concern regarding the dire health situation of IDPs, in particular high rates of maternal mortality.²

In the absence of international humanitarian aid, due to its obstruction by the Indonesian authorities, and a lack of support from local and national authorities, women in West Papua have been organising locally to collect resources and provisions for the IDPs, including agricultural seeds for farming and healthcare supplies. It is imperative that members of this Council support these efforts by urging the Government of Indonesia to allow unimpeded access for international humanitarian organisations to West Papua.

It is high time that Indigenous West Papuan women are actively involved in decision-making processes and in discussions aimed at building a just, inclusive and sustainable peace.

Thank you.

¹ Human Rights Monitor, 13 March 2025, [IDP Update March'25: Increasing military presence triggers new displacements and fear among returning IDPs -](#)

² Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Concluding observations on the second periodic report of Indonesia, E/C.12/IDN/CO/2, 14 March 2024, tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2FC.12%2FIDN%2FCO%2F2&Lang=en