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pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on human rights abuses and the national status of West Papua

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Written declaration on human rights abuses and the national status of West Papua

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in 1963 West Papua was occupied by Indonesia,
- B. whereas in 1969 the UN permitted Indonesia to conduct a sham self-determination ‘referendum’, *the Act of Free Choice*, in which West Papuans’ right to self-determination was abrogated by just 1026 ‘representatives’ coerced by Indonesia,
- 1. Is concerned that West Papuans continue to suffer serious human rights abuses committed by the Indonesian military, including extra-judicial execution, rape, torture and false imprisonment, and notes that independent observers report that at least 100 000 West Papuans have been killed by the occupying forces;
- 2. Calls on the Commission and the President of Parliament to raise the issue of West Papuan self-determination with the relevant Indonesian authorities;
- 3. Considers that the resolution of the conflict must include the withdrawal of the Indonesian military, a review of the UN’s role in the Act of Free Choice and the holding of a free and democratic self-determination referendum involving all indigenous West Papuans;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Parliaments of the Member States and the relevant Indonesian authorities.