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Press Invitation discussion evening The Jakarta-Papua Dialogue – The Way Forward

**Thursday 30 September 2010: 19.30 – 22.00 hours
Place: Amnesty International, Keizersgracht 177, Amsterdam**

Programme

19.15 Coffee and tea

19.30 Welcome

19.35 **Panel discussion with Papuan human right defender Matius Murib, Nico Schulte Nordholt and Liem Soei Liong. Moderator of the evening is Nancy Jouwe (Kosmopolis Utrecht). Followed by discussion with the attendees**

21.30 Reception, talk on with peers

Entrance: free

Information & registration: Laurie Lijnders at Amnesty International l.lijnders@amnesty.nl

Together with Indonesian/Papuan human rights defender Matius Murib, Peace Brigades International and Amnesty International organize an English spoken panel discussion about the proposed dialogue between Jakarta and Papua. This planned dialogue between the central government and Papua is still in a preparation phase and is aimed at a peaceful and negotiated solution to the Papua conflict.

The pre-dialogue that is taking place involves all parties, including the Papuan diaspora and the international community, and is aiming for a more unified outlook between the central government of Indonesia and Papua towards the future dialogue. This evening will discuss the situation in West Papua, the violations of human rights and the difficulties that are encountered in preparing the dialogue, but will also pay attention to the positive developments. After the panel has set the frame of the present situation there will be enough space for questions and discussion.

Note for the editors:

Speakers. Matius Murib is the deputy head of Komnas HAM Papua, the Indonesian human rights commission that acts as an intermediary party in the Jakarta - Papua dialogue. Previously Matius worked for KontraS (Commission for the Disappeared and Victims of Violence). Besides Mr. Murib, Dr. Nico Schulte Nordholt and Liem Soei Liong will take part in the panel discussion. Dr. Nico Schulte Nordholt is an anthropologist and scholar focussing on Indonesia. Liem Soei Liong worked for TAPOL (an UK based organization campaigning to expose human rights violations in Indonesia, East Timor, West Papua and Aceh) and is well informed about the perspective of the Indonesian government on the Papua Road Map.

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