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### Submission on Lombok Treaty by

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My view is that by making this treaty with Indonesia, the Australian Government is not only showing its support toward Indonesia on the issue of human rights abuses in West Papua, but is also actively committing itself to cooperate with Jakarta in erecting "monuments" of state violence there. As we said in West Papua on the day after Theys Eluay was abducted and killed in Jayapura on November 10, 2001, this traumatic event is yet another monument of state violence which Jakarta has been erecting everywhere and repeatedly in West Papua since the 1960s. We can list similar traumatic experiences in the past such as: Arnod Ap, curator of the museum at Cenderawasih University, shot in Base G Jayapura (April 1984); Obeth Badi, school teacher, murdered in Waena (1999), and Willem Onde, OPM resistance member cooperating with Indonesians, executed near Merauke (September 2001). The list of West Papuans killed after they were abducted is long.

We can write a whole history of West Papua just by looking into traumatic incidents such as these. Now with the Lombok Treaty the Jakarta government (which has been committing these crimes against humanity) feels safe to continue building monuments of violence. Indonesia will see such a treaty as political support from Australia to continue violating human rights in West Papua. I believe that by signing this treaty with Indonesia Australia is first of all repeating past mistakes: I am referring to Australia's support for integration of West Papua into Indonesia in the early 1960s. Secondly, by making this treaty I believe the Australian government is indeed indicating its strong support for Jakarta, which has been showing consistently its bloody face to Papuans by promoting cultural violence. Thirdly, with this treaty the Australian government is ignoring West Papuans' present cry and commitment to transform "Papua, a Land of Mourning and Bloodshed" into "Papua, a Land of Peace".

Based on these concerns, I ask Australians not to support this treaty; the treaty will only cause more death and tragedy on the part West Papuan civilians in the future.