“Human rights violations in West Papua and the pursuit of self-determination of West Papua are two sides of the same coin.

The principle of sovereignty is paramount in any institution whose core rationale is the respect for sovereignty. If the justification of sovereignty rests on a series of decisions that are questionable, then there is a case to challenge the legality of the argument of sovereignty as is the case of the New York Agreement and the Act of Free Choice.

As the Chair of the Melanesian Spearhead Group that includes Indonesia as an associate member and the United Liberation Movement of West Papua as an observer, Solomon Islands affirms the need for constructive engagement with Indonesia”.

*Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare, Solomon Islands, UN General Assembly, 23 Sept 2016*

“The UN has a duty to follow up this West Papua case, and take action to stop these brutal inhuman activities. We leaders must rise to a higher moral order, beyond interests, and be guided by what is fair and just for all.”

*Prime Minister Samuela Akilisi Pohiva, Tonga UN General Assembly, 29 September 2015*

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Prime Minister Salawi, Vanuatu
Prime Minister Pohiva, Tonga
President Hilda Heine, Marshall Islands
Prime Minister Sopoaga, Tuvalu
President Diavesi Waqa, Nauru
Dr Caleb Otto, UN Representative, Palau

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Vanuatu Prime Minister Joe Natuman with West Papua’s Muma Yusefa