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STATEMENT OF PROTEST

As descendants of WANDAN (the original Bandanese people) currently residing in BANDA ELY-ELAT, Southeast Maluku, Indonesia we do hereby state:

1. That beginning from 1609 and culminating on 8 May 1621 the Dutch VOC under the Leadership of Governor-General Jan Pieterszoon Coen carried out a series of structured, and systematic violent actions in Wandan (the Banda islands) against the Bandanese people, thus taking more than fourteen thousand human lives by murderous slaughter and starvation together with large scale persecution and expulsion from our ancestral land depriving us from our Heritage, including our Economic, Cultural Heritage, Language and Religion.
2. That we consider these acts of Governor-General Jan Pieterszoon Coen culminating on May 8, 1621 for the solely purpose of gaining a trade monopoly, as an act of Crimes Against Humanity, as GENOCIDE.
3. That survivors of this GENOCIDE, numbering approximately 400 individuals, were forced into EXODUS to save their Dignity and Life, and settled in the villages of Banda ELY-ELAT side by side harmoniously and peacefully with the people of the Kei Islands in Southeast Maluku since 1621 until now.

4. That by considering the historical records above, as well as observing the acceptance of the Dutch Citizens of the City of Hoorn to consider Governor General Jan Pieterszoon Coen as a National Hero and support the existence of his statue in the town square, we hereby DECLARE this attitude UNACCEPTABLE and do hereby OFFICIALLY PROTEST against the Genocide of our ancestors of the Wandanese – Banda Islands in 1621, and against the statue of JP Coen in the Public area.

Thus, we present for consideration with respect to Universal Human Rights and the rightful grievances of the progeny of the ancestors of WANDAN.

Thus this Statement we duly convey and submit.

Thank You.

Maluku - Indonesia, 8 May 2021

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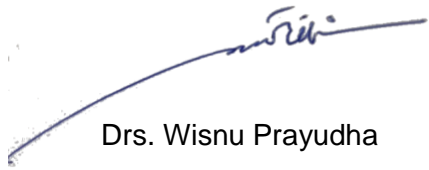
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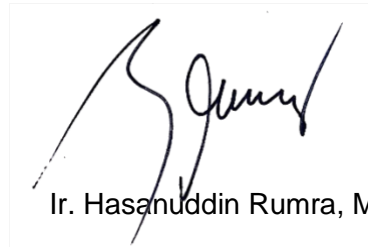
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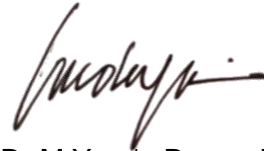
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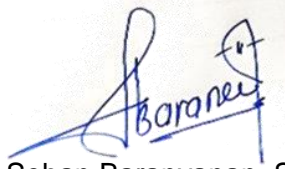
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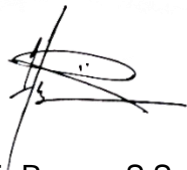
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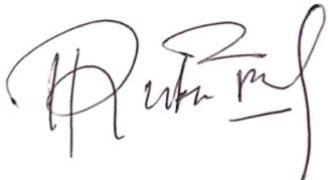
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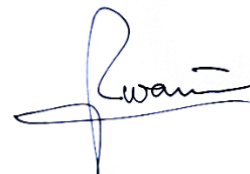
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