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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM IN THE
AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AND THE KINGDOM OF THE
NETHERLANDS CONCERNING WEST NEW GUINEA (WEST IRIAN): REPORT OF THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL REGARDING THE ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN
WEST IRIAN

Note by the Secretary-General

Pursuant to rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has the honour to propose the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly of an item entitled:

"Agreement between the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning West New Guinea (West Irian): report of the Secretary-General regarding the act of self-determination in West Irian."

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum is attached.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. By its resolution 1752 (XVII) of 21 September 1962, the General Assembly took note of the Agreement between the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning West New Guinea (West Irian).^{1/} It further acknowledged the role conferred on the Secretary-General in the Agreement and authorized him "to carry out the tasks entrusted to him in the Agreement".

2. The Agreement provided for the exercise of the right of self-determination of the inhabitants of West Irian, before the end of 1969, under arrangements for which Indonesia was responsible with the advice, assistance and participation of a United Nations Representative appointed by the Secretary-General for this purpose. In addition, article XXI of the Agreement laid down that:

"1. After the exercise of the right of self-determination, Indonesia and the United Nations Representative will submit final reports to the Secretary-General who will report to the General Assembly on the conduct of the act of self-determination and the results thereof.

"2. The Parties to the present Agreement will recognize and abide by the results of the act of self-determination."

3. The act of self-determination has now been completed and, pursuant to the Secretary-General's obligations under article XXI, paragraph 1, of the Agreement, the report called for in that paragraph will be circulated as soon as possible to the General Assembly.

4. As article XXI of the Agreement requires that the report be submitted to the General Assembly, the Secretary-General has the honour to request the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-fourth session of an item entitled:

"Agreement between the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning West New Guinea (West Irian): report of the Secretary-General regarding the act of self-determination in West Irian."

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 89, document A/5170, annex.