



# PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED LIBERATION MOVEMENT FOR WEST PAPUA

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### 7 Regional Executives of the ULMWP Prov. Gov Support the Declaration of “West Papua for Full Membership MSG” June 4, 2023

In response to the declaration of political support made by the (Executive, Legislative and Judicative Council) of the ULMWP Provisional Government for West Papua's full membership of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) on 4 June 2023 in Port Numbay, West Papua — ULMWP Provisional Government executives in 7 the West Papua region expressed support.

1. **Mamta/Tabi Region:** On June 10, 2023, head of the executive of ULMWP Provisional Government of the Mamta/Tabi Region, Mr. Beny Yantewo and his staff through written and oral statements in audio visual stated that they support the political declaration of support for West Papua's full membership in the MSG. Mr. Beny Yantewo said:

*“The Mamta region is an area directly adjacent to the territory of one of the Melanesian [MSG] member countries, namely the country of Papua New Guinea. I, as the head of executive of the ULMWP Prov. Gov for the Mamta Region, support ULMWP being accepted as a full member at this year's Summit-MSG [2023]”*

*“ULMWP must be accepted as a full member of the MSG, so that communication or dialogue between the Indonesian government and ULMWP as a political representation of the Papuan people in resolving the Papua conflict can be achieved, in order to find a peaceful and dignified solution. This is God's timing, so the Indonesian government no longer needs to act repressively. We welcome this momentum peacefully”*

2. **Saireri Region:** On June 6, 2023, head of the executive of ULMWP Provisional Government of the Saireri Region, led by Mr. Edison Kendi, along with his staff and a number of representatives of the West Papuan people of the Saireri region, stated that they supported the ULMWP's political declaration of full membership in the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) which took place on June 4, 2023 in Port Numbay. Mr. Edison Kendi as the head executive of ULMWP for the Saireri Region said:

*“We, the people of West Papua, the Saireri region, support ULMWP to become permanent members / full members of the MSG. We also welcome and support the [declaration of political support for West Papua's full membership in the MSG made on 4 June 2023](#) in Jayapura [Port Numbay]”*

*“We also call on MSG member countries, namely PNG, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Kanaky/FLNKS to be able to accept your Melanesian family [West Papua] to become full members of the MSG”*

3. **Domberay Region:** On June 11 2023, head of the executive of ULMWP Provisional Government of the Domberay region, Mr. Markus Yenu together with representatives of the local West Papuan community in the Domberay Region expressed their support for the political declaration of 4 June 2023 in Jayapura calling for full membership of West Papua in the MSG. Mr Markus said:

*“Since ULMWP was accepted as an observer member at the MSG in 2015, it has been 8 years [2016 – 2023] ULMWP has been a spectator on the terrace of the MSG house. Now is the time for West Papua to come into [MSG's] house to talk peacefully about its own future”*

*“Leaders of Melanesia [MSG member countries] can no longer close their eyes and ears. The political situation and human rights in West Papua worsened when the Indonesian government ignored the 2019 PIF [Pacific Islands Forum] 18-nation Communique regarding [the visit of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to West Papua](#)”*

4. **Anim-Ha Region:** On June 9, 2023, head of the executive of ULMWP Provisional Government of the Anim-Ha Region, Mr. Mathias Tambaip with indigenous peoples in Merauke, as well as ULMWP representatives from the Boven Digoel, Mappi and Asmat areas expressed their support for the political declaration for West Papua's full membership in the MSG. Mr. Tambaip said:

*“We at Anim-Ha, the indigenous people here are increasingly becoming a minority. Moreover, our territory continues to be controlled by Indonesian transmigrants who enter and our forests continue to be destroyed. There are many international reports about this and the world should open their eyes to this, especially the leaders of the MSG countries as our neighbours”*

*“If you are slow to respond to this bad situation, it can also be the sin of other Melanesians because they are slow. Don't delay our membership at MSG. It's time for MSG to accept us as full members”*

*“We support the declaration of political support by the ULMWP Provisional Government for full membership of West Papua made by the executive, legislature and judiciary in Jayapura [Port Numbay] on 4 June 2023”*

5. **Lapago Region:** On June 8, 2023, representing the executive of ULMWP Provisional Government of the Lapago Region, Mr. Herman Kossay, staff for the Lapago area and a number of activists with the people stated:

*“We fully support the declaration of political support by the ULMWP Provisional Government which took place on June 4, 2023 in Port Numbay, which was signed by the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary with the people of West Papua”*

*“The Executive of the ULMWP Prov. Government for the Lapago Region with the people of West Papua fully support ULMWP full membership in the MSG”*

6. **Bomberay Region:** On June 12, 2023, the head of the executive of ULMWP Provisional Government of the Bomberay Region, Mr. Erik Fimbay, SP along with his staff in a written statement stated his support for West Papua's full membership in the MSG. Mr. Erik Fimbay says:

*“ULMWP is the umbrella for the political aspirations of the Papuan people in the western part of the island of New Guinea, therefore now is the time to become a full member of the MSG representing the Papuan people themselves”*

**7. Meepago Region:** Today, Tuesday, 12 June 2023, the head of the executive of ULMWP Provisional Government of the Meepago Region, Mr. Habel Nawipa expressed his support for ULMWP's full membership in the MSG. This was confirmed through the ULMWP political department. Mr. Habel said:

*“West Papua's full membership in the MSG is our long-standing desire for the Papuan people. Whoever he is and whatever his background, Papuans from Sorong – Merauke must support this [full membership agenda in MSG]”*

*“I, as the Executive of the ULMWP Provisional Government in the Meepago region, fully support the declaration of support by the provisional government on June 4, 2023 in Jayapura, and also support ULMWP to become a full member in the MSG”*

### **Support Declaration**

Last week, 4 June 2023 in Port Numbay/Jayapura, the Provisional Government of the ULMWP officially launched a campaign of support for West Papua's full membership in the MSG.

The membership campaign declaration was attended by Executive, Legislative and Judiciary leaders, and expressed their support for the application for full membership status for the ULMWP in the MSG, by signing a text declaration of support.

Consolidation and mobilization of the people of West Papua Sorong–Merauke together with Melanesian solidarity and the international community in order to support full membership of the ULMWP (West Papua) in the MSG will last until the peak of the 2023 MSG Summit which will take place in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

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(Gallery):



PHOTO: Action of support from the West Papuan people in the Bintang Mountains, Lapago Region for full ULMWP membership in the MSG, Monday (12/06/2023)



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PHOTO: Statement of support for the people of West Papua in the Yapen Islands, Saireri Region to support ULMWP full membership at MSG, Tuesday (06/06/2023)



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PHOTO: Statement of support from Merauke, Anim-Ha Region, West Papua in support of full membership ULMWP at MSG, Tuesday (09/06/2023)



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PHOTO: Statement of support from Manokwari, Domberay Region, in support of ULMWP's full membership in the MSG, Tuesday (11/06/2023)





PHOTO: Statement of support by Head of Executive, ULMWP Provisional Government for Mamta/Tabi Region, Mr. Beny Yantewo, in order to support full ULMWP membership in the MSG, Tuesday (10/06/2023)



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PHOTO: West Papuan support for full membership ULMWP at MSG, (01/05/2023), Jayapura.



PHOTO: Support from the people of West Papua in Serui, Saireri Region for ULMWP full membership at MSG, Tuesday (06/06/2023)



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