



**Oral Statement of the 33rd Session of the UN Human Rights Council
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Mr. President,

Franciscans International (FI) and Edmund Rice International welcome the adoption of the outcomes of the UPR of Papua New Guinea. We commend PNG's efforts in the protection and promotion of human rights for its citizens. However, we are still concerned about the issue of the rights of the child, women's rights and the impact of extractive industries on human rights.

We also welcome the Supreme Court's decision to close the Manus Island Detention Centre for asylum seekers seeking protection in Australia.

Therefore, in the process of the implementation of its UPR recommendations, we recommend the Government of Papua New Guinea to consider the following:

1. Ensure all primary and secondary schools in PNG develop child protection policies and implement them, for the protection and wellbeing of children, including children with disabilities.
2. Arrest and convict all persons involved in sorcery accusations, especially those that lead to violence against those accused.
3. Monitor, review regularly and report publicly on the operations of extractive industries in Papua New Guinea, to ensure the conditions of contracts and all relevant regulations are being observed, and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights are being followed.

I thank you,