

the Bahasa Region and Maritime Asia and the Pacific and such alliance brings together as forest-dwelling peoples of these regions to promote their rights and futures and ensure that their voice is heard in all decisions that affect them. Mr. Piku has written that many of the peoples have suffered severely from imposed development plans, including from relocation and they strongly oppose all such impositions. It is stated that these indigenous peoples are strongly tied to their ancestral territories, homes, and spiritual foundations and when they are taken off from their lands, they lose connection to that which gives their identity and gives meaning to their existence. It has been further stated that their futures are their own to define and in the case of the Jarawas, their best interests are served by following the strictures of international law -- their lands should be secured and they should be allowed the time and dignity to decide for themselves the way they wish to develop their interactions with the rest of the world.

Dr. Thomas N. Headland, who is an Adjunct professor, University of Texas at Arlington and SIL International Anthropology Consultant has also strongly opined against any attempt of re-settlement of the Jarawas in different areas. He has strongly opined that the same would be a violation of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights if force is used for removing of the indigenous