



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **On the outcome of the meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) Banda Aceh, 1 July 2006**

The 37th meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) was held on Saturday 1 July 2006 under the chairmanship of the Principal Deputy Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM), Dato' Mohd. Rozi Bin Baharom. The delegation from the Government of Indonesia (GoI) was headed by Major General Bambang Darmono. The Free Aceh Movement (GAM) delegation was led by Mr. Irwandi Yusuf. Representatives of the Governor's office and the Aceh Reintegration Board (BRA) also attended the meeting.

The parties discussed the latest developments in the reintegration process and welcomed the official restructuring of the BRA announced by the acting Governor earlier this week. All parties now look to the swift implementation of planned programmes for 2006.

The Government of Indonesia gave an update on the proceedings in the National Parliament (DPR) regarding the draft Law on the Governing of Aceh (LoGA). AMM reiterated its advice to the parties to manage expectations and to be careful with public statements until the Law has been finalised. All parties look forward to an early adoption of the Law.

The parties addressed a number of security related issues. The Government of Indonesia reported back on progress made in fulfilling its commitment as stated in article 4.9 of the MoU, regarding the full decommissioning of any illegal groups or parties in Aceh. The parties also took stock of developments regarding the assaulted GAM member in Bener Meriah. The GoI representative confirmed that meetings had been held with AMM in Jakarta regarding recent restructuring of military camps in Aceh and Indonesia and that the MoU ceilings will continue to be respected. Finally the GoI gave an update on the status of 1,750 police cadets undergoing a 6 months training in Aceh since January 2006. The parties will return to this issue in their next meeting.

The next COSA meeting will take place after the DPR adopts the LoGA. The exact date and venue is to be confirmed by AMM at the earliest possible date.

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