



PRESS STATEMENT

On the outcome of the meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) Banda Aceh, 11 February 2006

The 29th meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) under the chairmanship of the Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) Pieter Feith was held today Saturday 11 February 2006. 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.

The parties discussed several security related issues, including the verification process of organic TNI and Police personnel which to date is proceeding smoothly and is expected to be finalised shortly. The status of and support to KPA members in districts was discussed as well as registration of KPA with the Government of Indonesia as a legal entity. The overall district-level government support to reintegration of former GAM throughout Aceh was also reviewed.

The parties took note of what has been achieved in the area of reintegration. The way forward was clarified as concerns future economic packages, land distribution and vocational training, including the related issue of releasing the names of former combatants. It was decided that the GoI will provide a plan for the next steps in the reintegration process and that the GAM will provide a list of names of affected civilians. GAM further stated its readiness to provide names of those former combatants who are ready to step forward to receive land allocations and vocational training.

The parties welcomed the recent progress in resolving pending amnesty cases since the beginning of the year and both parties were encouraged to keep up the momentum and make further progress by 28 February.

The ongoing process on the Law on the Governing of Aceh (LoGA) was discussed. The intention to extend the AMM for three months, up to 15 June 2006, is based on the assumption as agreed with the GoI that elections will take place before that date. All parties agreed that preparations for elections can be made before the LoGA has been passed in the National Parliament (DPR).

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The Government of Indonesia updated the parties on preparations for the distribution of ID- and voter registration cards.

The next COSA meeting will take place on Saturday 25 February 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

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