



PRESS STATEMENT

On the outcome of the meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) Banda Aceh, 15 August 2006

The 40th meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) was held on Tuesday 15 August 2006 under the chairmanship of the Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM), Mr. Pieter Feith in attendance of the Chairman of Crisis Management Initiative (CMI) Mr. Martti Ahtisaari. The delegation from the Government of Indonesia (GoI) was headed by the Minister for Information and Communication, Mr. Sofyan Djalil. The Free Aceh Movement (GAM) delegation was led by Mr. Malik Mahmud. The Acting Governor of Aceh, Mustafa Abubakar, also attended the meeting.

The parties noted with satisfaction the significant progress that has been made in implementing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and that AMM was now close to completing all the tasks entrusted to it. They welcomed the attendance by President Ahtisaari as part of the one year commemoration of the signing of the MoU in Helsinki, which was instrumental in bringing the armed conflict in Aceh to an end.

Following the request from the Government of Indonesia with the full support of GAM, the AMM Head of Mission declared that he had recommended to EU Member States, in consultation with ASEAN contributing countries, an extension of the AMM until or before 15 December 2006, depending on the date of elections.

The next COSA meeting will take place on Saturday 2 September 2006 at 14.00 hrs

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