



PRESS STATEMENT

On the outcome of the meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) Banda Aceh, 16 September 2006

The 42nd meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) was held on Saturday 16 September 2006 under the chairmanship of the Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM), Mr. Pieter Feith. The delegation from the Government of Indonesia (GoI) was headed by Major General Bambang Darmono. The Free Aceh Movement (GAM) delegation was led by Irwandi Yusuf. Representatives of the acting Governor of Aceh, Mustafa Abubakar, were also present.

The parties referred to the latest correspondence and exchange of views on the Law on the Governing of Aceh (LoGA) and reiterated that the best way forward for the parties was to continue their direct dialogue. The GoI was asked to provide GAM with a timeframe for implementing regulations, giving particular priority to the Presidential regulation required under article 8 in the LoGA.

Based on the results of the autopsy, in relation to the Paya Bakong incidents of 3 July 2006, the criminal investigations into the death of the deceased victim will continue as a matter of normal police and judicial procedures. This will be the responsibility of the GoI. The parties thanked the pathology team for their efforts and concluded that the autopsy had been crucial in taking the investigation forward. The GoI's and AMM's investigations pointed clearly to serious violations of the MoU including disproportionate use of force by the military and TNI involvement in matters of law and order which are the sole responsibility of the police. The TNI in Aceh must abide by the universal principles of human rights, which have been adopted in national law, and honour the culture and traditional customs of Aceh. The GoI promised to take appropriate measures in accordance with the Constitution and Indonesian law. The parties noted that some disciplinary actions have already been taken and legal action is underway. The GoI will also provide appropriate compensations for the victims and community by way of reconciliation.

Fachrizal, Public Relations and Communications Officer from BRA, presented the parties with a matrix detailing all current reintegration assistance. The parties welcomed this summary as providing a baseline for further discussion on reintegration developments. The parties were further asked to appoint representatives to a working group which will take forward the establishment of a Claims Settlement Commission. The AMM distributed an

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outline intended to serve as a basis for further discussions and drafting of Terms of Reference (ToR) for this Commission.

The parties took note of progress made in discussions concerning levels of police personnel during the local elections. The issue will be taken forward during an upcoming friendship meeting between GoI and GAM the coming week. The parties will then meet to find an agreement and announce it publicly.

The next COSA meeting will be held on Saturday 4 November 2006 at 14.00.

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