



PRESS STATEMENT

On the outcome of the meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) Banda Aceh, 17 June 2006

The 36th meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) was held on Saturday 17 June 2006 under the chairmanship of the Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM), 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 Mr. Irwandi Yusuf.

Following the conclusion of the *Panja*, the parties considered the state of the Law on the Governing of Aceh (LoGA), bearing in mind the requirement for the LoGA to be consistent and compatible with the Helsinki MoU. AMM urged the parties to manage expectations and to be careful with public statements until the law has been finalised.

The Executive Director of the Aceh Reintegration Board (BRA), Yusny Saby, representing the acting Governor of Aceh, informed the parties on the restructuring of BRA. BaPel, the implementing body of BRA, will be downsized at both provincial and district level and consist of three sections: economic, social and data collection / monitoring. The format of Forum Bersama, which functions as a 'think tank' to the BRA, will remain unchanged. The BRA's third unit, the control body, will remain as it is in the current structure. All parties welcomed the restructuring and urged the BRA to expedite the implementation of programmes.

Both GoI and GAM had another round of discussions on AMM's suggestions on possible post-AMM structures ensuring sustainability for dialogue and contact between the parties following AMM's end of mandate on 15 September 2006.

The AMM responded positively to the approach taken by GoI with regard to its undertakings regarding article 4.9 of the MoU, which deals with possible illegal groups and parties in Aceh and instructed its district offices to investigate and assist the GoI if requested. The parties agreed to allow additional time for the GoI to finalise its action plan on illegal organisations and provide a confirmation letter to AMM in time for the next COSA meeting.

The police will provide a progress report on the assault of a GAM representative in Bener Meriah by the next COSA meeting.

The next COSA meeting will take place on Saturday 1 July 2006 at 13.30 hrs.

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