



PRESS STATEMENT

On the outcome of the meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) Banda Aceh, 22 July 2006

The 39th meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) was held on Saturday 22 July 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 Minister Sofyan Djalil. The Free Aceh Movement (GAM) delegation was led by Mr. Irwandi Yusuf. The Acting Governor was also present.

In the meeting, the parties discussed the Law on the Governing of Aceh (LoGA). The parties agreed that, in the implementation of Article 8 of the LoGA, the GoI would clarify that the expression “consultation and consideration” would mean that, as a rule, consultation with the relevant Aceh authority would continue until a consensus had been reached. They also discussed the suitability of the dispute resolution mechanism in Chapter 6 of the MoU for resolving outstanding issues on the LoGA. All parties understood that neither the Head of the AMM or the Chairman of Crisis Management Initiative would be able to make a binding ruling on Parliament’s work. The parties agreed to hold further discussions on the LoGA at the next COSA meeting.

The parties took note of progress on the GoI’s investigation into the incident at Paya Bakong, Aceh Utara on 3 July. The GoI will report on the conclusion of their investigation at the next COSA meeting.

The Chief Executive of the BRA gave an update on the realization of the reintegration programme and the plan for the expenditure of 2006 reintegration funds. They also discussed plans for establishing a joint Claims Settlement Commission. The issue will be kept under consideration.

The GoI updated the parties on the plans for police cadet training and reaffirmed its commitment to respect the maximum number of police as stated in the MoU.

The Government agreed to facilitate GAM to visit prisons.

The Head of the Aceh Monitoring Mission also reminded the GoI that a letter confirming that the decommissioning of illegal arms, ammunition and explosives held by any possible illegal groups was still outstanding.

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The Governor outlined the plans for celebrating on 15 August 2006 the first anniversary of the signing of the MoU.

The next COSA meeting is scheduled to be held on 14 August at 16.00.

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