



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **On the outcome of the meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) Banda Aceh, 3 June 2006**

The 35th meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) was held on Saturday 3 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. Yusuf Irwandi. The Acting Governor of Aceh, Mustafa Abubakar, also attended the meeting.

The parties discussed the issue of reintegration and in particular how to improve the work, composition and functioning of the Aceh Reintegration Board (BRA). The newly appointed Executive Director of BRA, Yusny Saby, was also present in the meeting and provided an update on planned steps regarding the disbursement of the 2006 funds as well as the internal organisation of the BRA. AMM expressed its concerns stressing the importance of increasing direct communication between the parties involved as well as the efficiency within the agency. AMM reiterated that the ownership of the peace process lies with the GoI and GAM and that reintegration funding for all victims of conflict through BRA is an integral part of the commitments made in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). All parties agreed that reintegration is the responsibility of the GoI. The Governor will take the lead in formulating a solution to the restructuring of the BRA and report back to AMM on this issue by 9 June 2006.

The parties continued discussion on possible post-AMM structures establishing sustainability for dialogue and contact between the parties following AMM end of mission. The parties agreed to continue the district level COSA meetings. This shall allow for an enhanced direct dialogue between the parties benefiting the continued implementation of the MoU.

The GoI representative reported back to the COSA on human rights training for the police, in accordance with the MoU article 4.12, according to which, members of the Aceh organic police force shall receive special training with emphasis on respect for human rights.

The next COSA meeting will take place on Saturday 17 June 2006 at 13.00 hrs.

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