



## **Second Phase of Decommissioning on 14 – 16 October**

### **Media Advisory – 13 October 2005**

**Banda Aceh, Indonesia:** The second phase of decommissioning of GAM armaments will take place between 14 – 16 October 2005. Weapons, ammunition and explosives will be collected and destroyed in three different areas: Aceh Utara on 14 October, Aceh Timur on 15 October and Aceh Tamiang on 16 October. In accordance with established procedures agreed in the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA), the exact locations in each area will be communicated by GAM to the AMM only three hours prior to the start of decommissioning.

The decommissioning of GAM armaments was launched on 15 September 2005 and will be executed in four stages and concluded by 31 December 2005. The Aceh Free Movement (GAM) has committed itself to hand over a total of 840 arms. The agreement stipulates that at least 210 weapons should be collected in each phase.

On Monday 17 October at 10.00 a.m. the AMM is inviting all media to a press conference at AMM Headquarters in Banda Aceh where the results of the second phase of decommissioning will be presented. The press conference will be chaired by AMM Head of Mission, Mr. Pieter Feith. The Deputy Head of Mission for Operations, Mr. Jaakko Oksanen, will also be present to give updates and answer questions.

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*Note for editors:*

*1. The AMM, which is a civilian mission comprising of monitors from the EU and five ASEAN countries, has set up Headquarters in Banda Aceh and 11 District Offices throughout Aceh province: Banda Aceh, Sigli, Bireuen, Lhoksemawe, Langsa, Tapaktuan, Blang Pidie, Meulaboh, Lamno, Banda Aceh, Kutacane and Takengon. The mission also includes 4 mobile decommissioning teams.*

*2. The EU and ASEAN fully respect the territorial integrity of Indonesia and see the future of Aceh as being within the unitary state of the Republic of Indonesia. The AMM is completely impartial by nature and does not represent or favour any of the parties.*

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