



PRESS STATEMENT

On the outcome of the meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) Banda Aceh, 4 January 2006

The 26th meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA) under the chairmanship of the Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) Pieter Feith was held today Wednesday 4 January 2006. Delegations from Government of Indonesia and GAM attended this meeting. The GoI mission was headed by Major General Bambang Darmono. The GAM delegation was led by Mr. Irwandi Yusuf.

The parties noted the completion of the decommissioning and relocation effort and promised to keep the momentum in the full implementation of the Helsinki Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The Government of Indonesia clarified its intentions to conduct a “Field Work Training” for 1.750 junior police officers in Aceh. The issue will be further discussed at the next COSA meeting. According to the MoU the number of organic military forces to remain in Aceh is 14.700 and organic police to remain is 9.100.

The ongoing process regarding the Law on Governing Aceh and the timing of the upcoming local elections were discussed. The Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) will monitor the political process in Jakarta.

The question of ID card delivery procedures was discussed and will be taken forward in coming meetings.

The special working group on disputed Amnesty cases will continue its work today examining the remaining pending cases.

The next COSA meeting will take place on Saturday 14 January 2006 at 10.00 a.m.

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