

PRESS STATEMENT

On the outcome of the meeting of the
Commission on Security Arrangements (COSA)
(Banda Aceh, 10.09.2005)

On Saturday September 10, the Sixth meeting of the Commission on Security Arrangements was chaired by the IMP-AMM Head of Mission, Mr. P. C. Feith. The meeting was held in the open and constructive spirit that has now become normal practice during these events aimed at the full implementation of the Helsinki Memorandum of Understanding.

During the meeting the following topics were discussed :

Progress reports by AMM and the two parties

AMM informed both parties that new monitors from EU member States and five ASEAN countries have arrived to Medan for training starting September 8th. At the beginning of next week they will start being deployed to 11 AMM District Offices.

IMP of AMM welcomes the fact that both parties to the MoU have demonstrated in the course of the last weeks a maximum of restraint, professionalism and flexibility. This enables it to further establish a positive environment for confidence building. In this context it was welcomed that meetings of Committees on Security Arrangements at district level (DCOSA) will start soon.

Follow up to Amnesty and Reintegration

It was agreed to exchange further information on amnesty cases as well as missing persons.

Decommissioning of GAM weapons and demobilisation of former GAM members

The following agreement has been reached:

- to finalize as soon as possible timings and locations for weapons collection
- to finalize arrangements for witnessing the first weapons collection
- to exchange further information on demobilisation of the 3000 GAM military troops

Redeployment schedules for non-organic TNI and Police Units

It was agreed to note the redeployment schedules and to further examine arrangements for monitoring and witnessing the departure of non-organic TNI and Police units

Press handling at the District level

Arrangements for press handling of DCOSA meetings under the overall control of COSA will be finalized soon.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12 September at 1500.