

Joint Statement
by
The Government of the Republic of Indonesia
and
The Free Aceh Movement

Recognizing that progress has been made in previous understandings, but also recognizing the difficulties experienced in implementing these understandings, the parties have agreed to the Points for Further Consultations set out in their 2-3 February 2002 meeting, and further agree:

- on the basis of the acceptance of the NAD Law as a starting point, as discussed on 2-3 February 2002, to a democratic all-inclusive dialogue involving all elements of Acehnese society that will be facilitated by HDC in Aceh. This process will seek to review elements of the NAD Law through the expression of the views of the Acehnese people in a free and safe manner. This will lead to the election of a democratic government in Aceh, Indonesia.
- to enable this process to take place both parties agree to work with all speed on an agreement on cessation of hostilities with an adequate mechanism for accountability of the parties to such an agreement. This will also provide the opportunity and environment for much needed socio-economic and humanitarian assistance to the people of Aceh.

Both parties agree to a process of periodic review of the implementation of these understandings.

Done in Switzerland, on 10 May 2002

For the Government
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