

**JOINT STATEMENT
BETWEEN
THE INDONESIAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE
AND
THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE
ON
INDONESIA-AUSTRALIA DEFENCE COOPERATION**

The Commander in Chief of the Indonesian National Defence Force and Chief of the Australian Defence Force state:

This Joint Statement between the Indonesian National Defence Force (INDF) and the Australian Defence Force (ADF) affirms our intent to further cooperation through the development and management of the bilateral defence relationship.

- Noting** : The Agreement between the Republic of Indonesia and Australia on the Framework for Security Cooperation (the Lombok Treaty), which entered into force on 7 February 2008;
- Noting** : That the bilateral defence relationship between Indonesia and Australia has developed significantly in recent years, building on a foundation of mutual respect and trust;
- Noting** : The mutually determined priority areas of common strategic interest focusing on Counter Terrorism, Maritime Security, Intelligence, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, and Peacekeeping;
- Noting** : The mutually beneficial practical cooperation that is occurring in these areas, including dialogue, exercises, training, education and personnel exchanges; and

Determined : To further strengthen the defence relationship;

And take the opportunity to affirm this Statement in relation to the management framework for defence engagement between Indonesia and Australia and express our intent to develop further practical initiatives of mutual interest as follows:

Management Framework

The defence relationship will remain consistent with and under the guidance of bilateral government to government and ministerial understandings. Defence engagement policies flowing from this guidance will be managed through annual dialogue. Single-service dialogues and respective engagement programs will be based on priorities mutually determined at the annual dialogue. All engagement programs will be developed, or updated, and endorsed by the INDF and the ADF in accordance with their respective forward engagement planning cycles.

Initiatives

[This section refers to ongoing discussion on an administrative issue and will also be released once the issue is finalised.]

Counter - Terrorism

Further strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation between the INDF and the ADF to the extent of developing counter-terrorism response capabilities able to operate independently, or together if necessary and, as mutually determined, to protect common interests. Training and assistance activities that would contribute to this objective include:

- Holding combined counter-terrorism scenario – based planning exercises;
- The conduct of bilateral counter-terrorism seminars to exchange information, build confidence; and
- Other activities as mutually arranged.

Maritime Security

Develop cooperative mechanisms to enhance maritime security in mutually determined areas of common interest. Training and assistance activities that would contribute to this objective include:

- The conduct of a maritime security desktop activity, occurring as mutually determined, to address maritime aspects of transnational crime and to develop command and control concepts and procedures at an inter-agency level;
- The conduct on an ongoing basis of coordinated patrols against criminal threats, and as mutually arranged; and
- Regular contact through communication links between the ADF Headquarters, the INDF Headquarters, and other relevant headquarters as appropriate. These communication links and information sharing regimes will be developed as a matter of priority.

Intelligence

Establish a program of intelligence cooperation that will underpin cooperative security activities, provide a mechanism to exchange information of mutual interest, and develop collaborative analysis and assessment on topics of mutual interest such as counter-terrorism. Training and assistance activities that would contribute to this objective include :

- Holding intelligence exchanges and visits, exploring mutually beneficial opportunities to conduct interagency information exchanges, training assistance, and technology enhancement.

Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief

Establish standing operating procedures for combined HA/DR operations and support to HA/DR. Training and assistance activities that would contribute to this objective include:

- Identifying mutually beneficial opportunities for training and information exchanges;
- Developing a Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement (MLSA) to streamline mutual support between the ADF and the INDF during HA/DR operations and exercises; and
- Conducting a bilateral Australian-Indonesian disaster relief desk top exercise.

Peacekeeping

Collaborate on peacekeeping matters including open and regular exchange of lessons learned and assistance with training and doctrine development, including :

- Developing information exchanges on lessons learned and the development of pre-deployment briefings in support of peacekeeping operations;
- Providing training opportunities such as military observer courses and military law courses; and
- The provision of support, as mutually agreed, for development of the INDF Peacekeeping Centre.

Other matters

Misunderstandings or deviations in the implementation of this Joint Statement should be resolved through coordination between both sides.

Ending Statement

A strong and robust bilateral defence relationship between the INDF and the ADF is of major strategic value to both Indonesia and Australia. This Statement on Indonesia-Australia Defence Cooperation supports and promotes the development of the outcomes we desire to strengthen the already strong relationship between the INDF and the ADF for the mutual benefit of both. This Statement is consistent with the intent of the Lombok Treaty.

Signed at Jakarta on this 12th day of January in the year 2009, in two original copies in the English language and two original copies in the Indonesian Language.



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