

Result of the Partnership Dialogue between seven Indonesian political parties and the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD), The Hague, the Netherlands, 25-27 April 2007

From 25 to 27 April, 2007, at invitation by the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD), the seven main Indonesian political parties engaged in a dialogue in The Hague, The Netherlands, concerning possible future collaboration between themselves and Dutch political parties. This dialogue has resulted in a mutual agreement among the representatives of the seven Indonesian parties that amounts to the following:

- 1) The collaboration between Indonesian political parties and the Dutch political parties constitutes an important pillar, as well as an indispensable part of the so-called *comprehensive partnership* between the two countries.
- 2) The members of the delegation that represent the seven Indonesian political parties agree to found a forum called *Komunitas Dialog* ('Community of Dialogue') with the aim to:
 - a) enhance the level of democracy in light of the ongoing social and economic development and the strengthening of the national unity, in order to maintain the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia;
 - b) enhance the performance of the political parties in connection with the implementation of the mandate of the Indonesian people, as expressed in the Constitution of 1945 and other laws;
 - c) develop a multiparty system in the interest of strengthening the presidential system in Indonesia
- 3) The national interest constitutes the basis for the association and the full commitment of the delegation representing the seven Indonesian political parties in constituting the *Komunitas Dialog*. If necessary, the *Komunitas Dialog* will be extended to include other political parties, civil society organizations and media.
- 4) The partnership with the Dutch political parties is based on the mutual agreement that it is necessary for the political parties in both countries to play an important role in line with the mandate they each have been given, to provide answers with regard to strategic issues both on bilateral and global levels – giving priority to a long-term partnership based on respect for the following principles:
 - a) Sovereignty
 - b) Equality
 - c) Trust
 - d) Shared progress
- 5) To achieve an effective implementation of the *Komunitas Dialog*, the participants in the dialogue invite the *Komunitas Indonesia untuk Demokrasi* ('Indonesian Community for Democracy' - KID), to facilitate the materialization and unfolding of the fundamental ideas reflected in the spirit of the founding of the *Komunitas Dialog*.

- The initial agenda of the Komunitas Dialog will at a later stage be drawn up in Indonesia by the seven political parties, a process that will be facilitated by the KID.
- 6) The delegation members that represent the seven Indonesian political parties agree to take the initiative to investigate the possibility of constituting an Institute for Multiparty Democracy in the future.
 - 7) The delegation members that represent the seven Indonesian political parties set great store by the strategic role played by the KID in developing democracy in Indonesia by means of implementing democracy schools in five regions. In connection with that, it is requested from the KID to:
 - a) Increase the number of democracy schools on the levels of the provinces and the *kabupaten* ('districts') or cities by involving the participation of the political parties on these levels as an important element of the implementation of the democracy schools;
 - b) Implement education and training that is especially designed to cater for the needs of the Indonesian political parties with regard to the enhancement of the performance of their respective organizations and members;
 - c) Take the initiative to investigate the possibility of founding a 'Democracy Academy' to cater for the political parties future candidate-leaders' needs in an institutionalized and continuous fashion.
 - 8) Everything that is mentioned herein, implicitly and explicitly, with regard to this collective stand will be reported to the leadership of the respective political parties by the members of the delegation, to obtain concurrence and suggestions on how to proceed.
 - 9) The NIMD plans a counter visit to the respective leaders of the seven Indonesian political parties to continue the dialogue between the political parties of both countries, the foundations of which have been laid in the dialogue that took place in The Hague. This visit, which is planned for the period of 13-20 June 2007, will be led by the President of the NIMD-Board, Dr Ben Bot, and aims at the drafting of a Memory of Understanding (MoU) that will constitute the basis of a comprehensive partnership of the political parties of both countries. In that connection, NIMD will send an official letter to explain the aim of the visit and disclose the names of the delegation members.

This statement is the result of a dialogue in which participated the members of the delegation that represented the seven Indonesian political parties who are mentioned below:

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