

CONCLUDING REMARKS OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MSG AT THE JAKARTA CONSULTATIONS ON THE MSG SECURITY STRATEGY (MSGSS)

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Introduction

As we conclude our consultations on the MSG Security Strategy (MSGSS), let me take the opportunity to thank all of you, that have taken time from your busy schedules, to join us for this consultation exercise.

Let me also thank the Indonesian Foreign Affairs Ministry and the Indonesian National Police for organizing the consultations.

The discussions over the MSGSS have been very enriching and the various proposals on possible collective actions under the different Strategic Priorities are nothing less than constructive that can only serve to improve the current MSGSS.

Next Steps

As I indicated in my introductory Power Point presentation on the MSGSS this morning, after the consultations with NGO's and CSO's are completed, the Secretariat will prepare a report containing the recommendations, emanating from the proposals obtained during the consultations, to the MSGSS Working Group later this year.

Informed by these recommendations, the MSGSS Working Group will subsequently adjust the MSGSS to incorporate those recommendations it feels useful and appropriate.

This revised MSGSS will then be submitted to the Police Commissioners Conference (PCC) and Police Ministers Meeting (PMM) for vetting in November. Following clearance by the PCC and PMM, the text of the final MSGSS will be submitted to Leaders for endorsement next year.

Once the MSGSS is approved – Implementation work will take place.

I need hardly emphasise that implementation will require political will, strong commitment and support by Members.

MSG Secretariat will need to also re-examine its structure to accommodate roles that have been identified for it to play in implementation of the MSGSS.

Concerted effort has to be made by both Members and the Secretariat to find funding for the MSGSS.

We all will need to aggressively seek out like-minded bilateral and multilateral partnerships for security cooperation based on national and regional needs of the Members as identified under the MSGSS

Conclusion

Much work has gone into the preparation of the MSGSS. In fact, it has taken us seven years to reach this stage.

The MSGSS is not a perfect document and NOR SHOULD WE TRY TO MAKE IT PERFECT.

We thank and applaud the work of the MSGSS Working Group, under the Leadership of Fiji.

There are many moving parts to this security strategy because of the dynamics of our security space.

This MSGSS should be regarded as a living document that must be allowed to evolve with time.

Cooperation and coordination between agencies and countries characterize the MSGSS. As has been acknowledged throughout our consultations, we must act on this and not only talk about it.

Involvement of the broader community and gender equity participation is recognized as important.

Once again, political will and commitment by MSG members and all stakeholders is needed to implement the MSGSS.

Likewise, funding is pivotal and resource mobilization is required. All of us will need to work hard on this.

Thank you, Merci beaucoup, Tenkyu tru, Tangio tumas, Oleti, Terimah Kasi!

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