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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA ON MAINTAINING SECURITY

THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA (hereafter referred to as the "Parties"),

DESIRING to strengthen the existing friendship between them;

RECOGNISING their common interest in the peace and stability of the region;

DESIRING to contribute to regional security and stability in order to ensure circumstances in which their aspirations can be best realised for the economic development and prosperity of their own countries and the region;

REAFFIRMING their respect for the sovereignty, political independence and territorial integrity of all countries;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to the settlement of all international disputes by peaceful means in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law;

RECOGNISING that each Party has primary responsibility for its own security;

MINDFUL of the contribution that would be made to their own security and that of the region by cooperating in the development of effective national capabilities in the defence field and hence their national resilience and self-reliance;

NOTING that nothing in this Agreement affects in any way the existing international commitments of either Party;

THEREFORE AGREE as follows:

Article 1

The Parties undertake to consult at ministerial level on a regular basis about matters affecting their common security and to develop such cooperation as would benefit their own security and that of the region.

¹ Came into force on 15 July 1996 by notification, in accordance with article 4.

Article 2

The Parties undertake to consult each other in the case of adverse challenges to either party or to their common security interests and, if appropriate, consider measures which might be taken either individually or jointly and in accordance with the processes of each Party.

Article 3

The Parties agree to promote - in accordance with the policies and priorities of each - mutually beneficial cooperative activities in the security field in areas to be identified by the two Parties.

Article 4

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later notification by either Government of the fulfilment of its requirements for entry into force of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Jakarta on the eighteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five in the English and Indonesian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of Australia:

For the Government of the Republic of Indonesia:

GARETH EVANS Minister for Foreign Affairs ALI ALATAS Minister for Foreign Affairs