

Acheh-Sumatra National Liberation Front (ASNLF)

Thank you Madame Chair. My name [inaudible] from Acheh, located on the northern tip of Sumatra and I am representing the Acheh-Sumatra National Liberation Front or ASNLF. To highlight the reality [inaudible] about this initial progress, the peace in Acheh was peace without justice. More than 20 years after signing the peace in Helsinki, the people of Acheh continue to wait for justice. Madame Chair, according to the International Human Rights Commission, at least four major cases of gross human rights violations in Acheh have already been fully investigated and submitted to the Attorney General. Yet, none have ever moved to prosecution. I repeat, none have ever moved to prosecution, even though the main actor has received an award. For example, the dictator Suharto, who was responsible for various human rights violations in the past, was rewarded with an honor as a national hero two weeks ago. Also, until now, the Human Rights Court for Acheh has not been established, I repeat, has not been established. When justice is denied for decades, peace becomes fragile. Survivors in Acheh increasingly express despair. They feel that if the state continues to abandon its responsibilities, they may be forced to seek justice through their own ways. Madame Chair, the trust and reconciliation commission for Acheh collected testimony from over 5,000 survivors, confirming the widespread crimes that amount to crimes against humanity. More concretely, impunity in Indonesia is not an accident, it is a policy. I repeat, it is a policy. Without truth and justice there can be no lasting peace, only silence and the fear that history may repeat itself. Madame Chair, the Indonesian military has deployed six more battalions in the region of Acheh since August 2025. We believe that the deployment is intended to intimidate the people of Acheh from peacefully exercising their fundamental rights. As I speak in this Forum, intelligence operations is underway in Acheh using and [inaudible] bribery as well, to intimidate Achenese people not to raise the Achehnese flag, a symbol of celebration [cut off by Chair].