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**More than one year the Presidential Decree on Action Plan for the Implementation of CTF Recommendation has no Result**

On 14 of December 2004 the Governments of Timor-Leste and Indonesia agreed to establish the Commission of Truth and Friendship (CTF) to address the issue of crimes of human rights violations that committed by the Indonesian military and pro militias in and after the referendum in 1999. The Commission officially conducted its mandate on 11 of August 2005.

On 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2011, the President of Republic of Indonesia, Dr. H. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono released a Presidential Decree No. 72/2001 on the Action Plan for the Implementation of the recommendations of the Commission of Truth and Friendship (CTF) between Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

On 15 of July 2008 the Governments of Indonesia and Timor-Leste declared that they are ready to accept and are committed to implement all the recommendations of CTF when they received the final report of CTF (point c Presidential Decree No. 72/2011). Even though this Decree has been released more than one year, there has been no real action taken for the implementation.

“It shows that the Governments of Indonesia and Timor-Leste are not serious in addressing the issue of past crimes to respond to the suffering of the victims,” said Luis de Oliveira Sampaio, the Executive Director of JSMP.

JSMP believes that “the Presidential Decree is very important because it is served as a legal instrument to demand the Government of Indonesia and Timor-Leste to prepare plan and real action to implement the recommendations of the Commission of Truth and Friendship. The implementation of these recommendations can provide justice for the sufferings of the victims.”

JSMP demands the Government of Indonesia, particularly the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to quickly conduct the implementation of the recommendations of CTF, especially on the issue of forced disappearance people through the Action Plan attached to the Presidential Decree No. 72/2011.

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