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Press Release

Stance of ANTI regarding the new government structure of Jokowi and Jusuf Kala

“The acceptance of perpetrators of human rights violations in the government structure is a betrayal of the reform movement, and a serious insult to victims in both Indonesia and Timor-Leste and will also poison democracy in the future”.

First of all, ANTI would like to praise and welcome the victory of the people of Indonesia who managed to choose a democratically elected figure who symbolizes the spirit of democracy. This is a positive step towards realizing the reform agenda established 16 years ago. ANTI warmly welcomes Jokowi – Kalla and hopes that they will be pioneers in rectifying, strengthening and further maintaining democratic values in Indonesia while they are in charge of the government.

They bring new hope for those of us who suffered human rights violations before and after the referendum that caused thousands of people to suffer a wide range of violence carried out by the Indonesian military during the occupation. In relation to human rights violations, the CAVR report^[1] suggested that at least 102,800 people passed away because they were killed, suffered famine and forced disappearances during the Indonesian military occupation. It is estimated that more than 4000 children were taken by the Indonesian military and there is no clear information about their whereabouts. At least 800 people were forcefully disappeared and until now their families do not know where they are.

Recalling UN Security Council Resolution No S/RES/1272 (1999), on 24 February 2003, the serious crimes Unit issued an indictment against six generals, namely Major-General Zacky Anwar Makarim, Major-General Kiki Syahnakri, Major-General Adam Rachmat Damiri, Colonel F.X. Suhartono

^[1] *Chega! Report of the Timor-Leste Commission for Acceptance, Truth and Reconciliation*

Suratman, Colonel Mohammad Noer Muis, Colonel Yayat Sudrajat and former Governor of East Timor Abilio Jose Osorio Soares. The indictment also included former General **WIRANTO** who at that time was the Supreme Commander of the Indonesian military.

The indictment stated that these generals were responsible for the violence, deportation and persecution that was carried out in a widespread and systematic manner which caused the deaths of approximately 280 people and more than 200,000 were forced to flee to Nusa Tenggara Timor (NTT)-Indonesia. WIRANTO as the general, Minister for Defence and Security and Commander of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Indonesia had command responsibility, and effective control of the military and militia groups and had knowledge of the serious violations that occurred at that time. However, he did not take concrete steps to prevent, stop or punish those who were involved in the aforementioned crimes. Therefore, Wiranto has the highest level of responsibility for the crimes against humanity that occurred before and after the referendum.

After the Serious Crimes Unit issued the aforementioned indictment, it requested for the Dili District Court to issue warrants of arrest. Then on 19 March 2004 the Deputy Prosecutor General for Serious Crimes also issued a letter to support the warrant of arrest against General WIRANTO in relation to the facts that confirmed that WIRANTO was involved in human rights violations and crimes against humanity in Timor- Leste.

Pursuant to these facts, the Timor-Leste National Alliance for an International Tribunal (ANTI), together with the families of the victims are concerned and disappointed with the government structure of JOKOWI and Jusuf KALA that will possibly include those who previously perpetrated crimes, such as WIRANTO, who will hold important positions within the government.

ANTI is very disappointed that those who previously perpetrated crimes like WIRANTO were given the privilege of taking part in the government structure of Jokowi-Kala, which will contribute towards preserving impunity in Indonesia, in ASEAN and across the globe. This is also a serious betrayal of the people of Indonesia, and the victims in particular, and the trust of the families of the victims who placed their hope in Jokowi – Kala when the election campaign was taking place. ANTI requests for Jokowi-Kalla to fulfil their commitment to the people of Indonesia as they have done in relation to those involved in acts of corruption.

Long live Jokowi – Kalla,

Long live the people of Indonesia

Long live the victims who continue to struggle to achieve truth and justice.

The struggle continues!

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