



## JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT



### INDONESIA-AUSTRALIA IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

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His Excellency, Mr Andi Mattalatta, Minister of Law and Human Rights, Republic of Indonesia, and Senator the Hon. Chris Evans, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Australia, met in Jakarta on 17 January 2008.

Ministers welcomed the mutually beneficial immigration cooperation between the two countries that supports people-to-people links by facilitating safe and secure travel.

Desiring to renew and intensify this cooperation, and inspired by the good progress made in joint activities, Ministers announced new cooperative initiatives including English language training for airport officers at the Directorate General of Immigration, the placement of a native English language speaker from Australia at the Ministry for Law and Human Rights training academy and a program of immigration data analysis and reporting training.

Ministers affirmed that Indonesia and Australia would continue, together and with other countries in the region, to strengthen their borders against people smuggling, terrorism and other forms of transnational crime. They welcomed the good progress made in implementing a joint border movement alert computerisation project at five major ports in Indonesia.

Ministers acknowledged the importance of providing management and care of irregular migrants in Indonesia, and the vital role international organisations play in this in consultation with both countries. Ministers noted the success of these arrangements in protecting people from being drawn into risky people smuggling ventures. Ministers were pleased to note the humanitarian response by Indonesia in supporting their care and management, and by Australia and other countries in resettling those found to be in need.

Ministers agreed senior officials would consider at a Working Group meeting in Australia in early 2008 further ways to strengthen immigration cooperation to prevent irregular movement in the region, while facilitating the safe and secure movement of lawful travellers.

For the Government of the  
Republic of Indonesia

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