



CAI EA752 2000R23

125 Sussex Street, Ottawa, K1R 0A2

REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE ON INDONESIA

March 13, 2000

Victoria, British Columbia

A roundtable organized by the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development and the Southeast Asia Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs was held on March 13, 2000 in Victoria, British Columbia. Academics, federal government officials, military policy specialists, election observers, human rights monitors, regional security specialists, leaders of NGO initiatives and students of Pacific Rim Studies met to discuss current issues in the context of recent political developments in Indonesia and to discuss current issues in the context of Canadian policy developments. The roundtable was a roundtable and similar meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in 1999. The roundtable was held in Victoria, British Columbia, with a resource person. The roundtable discussed the current transition, the roles of Indonesian civil society groups and roles of Canadian civil society and the Canadian government in furthering bilateral relations with an evolving Indonesia.

REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE ON INDONESIA

March 13, 2000

Victoria, British Columbia

SETTING THE CONTEXT

Background documents with an analysis of recent Indonesian developments and critical issues such as national stability and unity, access to democracy and the development of civil society were distributed to participants before the roundtable. As an introduction to the dialogue, Canadian Ambassador Ken Sells set the context by highlighting the current transition taking place in Indonesia.

Ambassador Sells noted that the country is moving forward and predicted that within a few years it should be a stable independent democracy. He said there is some sense of legitimacy in Indonesia because of the recent independence movements of East Timor. Indonesia, he said, is in deep transition. Democracy, although not institutionalized, is being talked about openly. The work of thinking has not translated to power sharing as yet. There is a lack of cohesion in the Government Cabinet. The Prime Minister is the necessary and needs to approach one theme at a time. His foreign policy outreach has been

The next three years and subsequent election of the military is showing some signs of moving agenda and the everyday life of the people is a process of decentralization taking place in the economic one, the rules of law demoralization problem for foreign investment and the status

Dept. of Foreign Affairs  
Min. des Affaires étrangères  
  
NOV 7 2000  
  
Return to Departmental Library  
Retourner à la bibliothèque du Ministère

65015665