

The following recommendations emerged from the presentations delivered at the Symposium, discussion, and a closing panel discussion involving all presenters.

GENERAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS

- **Establish an “Eminent Persons Group” of Canadians and Indonesians to further articulate future directions for the relationship.**

Canadian relations with Indonesia should be intensified in recognition of Indonesia’s progress in democratization, of which the 2004 elections were impressive evidence, and of Indonesia’s ability to serve as a force for moderation and peaceful and positive change in South East Asia, among developing countries, and in the Muslim world. In advancing mutual interests with Indonesia, the Canadian Government should strive for greater coherence in aid, trade, and political objectives.

Indonesian relations with Canada should similarly be intensified with the assurance that Canada will, through its widespread bilateral and multilateral channels, promote sympathy with and support of Indonesia’s transition to democracy and efforts to generate economic prosperity and greater understanding of the aspirations of the Indonesian people and of the Muslim world at large.

- **Increase civil society linkages with Muslim organizations that promote good governance and pluralism in Indonesia.**

Bilateral relations should reflect greater emphasis on broadening cooperation through a wider range of relationships between and among Governments, universities, and civil society organizations with the objective of empowering civil society, including educational institutions and organizations focused on education. These relationships should take into account the ethnic and religious diversity of Indonesia and, in particular, Canada’s long and close association with Indonesian Muslim institutions.

- **Share Canadian constitutional expertise on asymmetrical federalism to address challenges of unity in Indonesia.**

With reference to the continued evolution of decentralization in Indonesia, Indonesia should avail itself of Canada’s long