

## **JOINT DECLARATION**

**BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND**

**AND**

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

**ON**

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT**

1. We, the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development of the Republic of Finland, Paavo Väyrynen and the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Indonesia, Rachmat Witoelar, met in Jakarta 18 February 2008.
2. We reaffirm our governments' commitment to engage in a fruitful and comprehensive cooperation on global climate change, sustainable development and forestry issues. We recognize the urgency to strengthen international cooperation to slow, stop and reverse emissions of greenhouse gases in accordance with the decisions taken at the UN Climate Change Conference of Parties in Bali in December 2007.
3. We value the existing cooperation between our two countries in addressing environmental issues, particularly in the on-going work of the Working Group on Forestry and Forest Industries between Indonesia and Finland which has been meeting regularly since 1990. It has been agreed that the next meeting of the Working Group would take place in Indonesia in September 2008.
4. We share the commitment to strengthen bilateral cooperation to promote sustainable forest management in Indonesia and Finland. This was emphasized in the meeting between Mr. M.S. Kaban, Minister of Forestry of Indonesia, and Mr. K. Tiilikainen, Minister of Environment of Finland, in Bali in December 2007, where they agreed on the need to share experience in forestry ownership.
5. We recognise the inter-linkage between climate change, energy security, sustainable forestry, sustainable development and poverty alleviation. We therefore stress the importance of cooperation in balancing the efforts on climate change, economic growth and development.

6. To strengthen our environmental cooperation, we will expand cooperation to include, *inter alia*,:

- Sustainable forest management
- Development of community forestry
- Collaboration to combat global climate change, especially in relation to forestry and renewable energies
- Sustainable Peatland Management

Signed in Jakarta on this 18th day of February 2008, in two originals in the English Language.

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