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First Meeting of India Indonesia Eminent Persons Group

The first meeting of India-Indonesia Eminent Persons Group (II-EPG) was held in Jakarta on 4-5 April 2016. The meeting was opened by H.E. Mr A. M. Fachir, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and H.E. Ms. Nengcha Lhouvum, Ambassador of India to Indonesia also gave her remarks during the opening session. The meeting was co-chaired by Ambassador Mr. Biren Nanda from the Indian side and Dr. Dino Patti Djalal, Former Vice Foreign Minister from the Indonesian side.

The India-Indonesia EPG was established by the Leaders of the Republic of India and the Republic of Indonesia in 2011 with a view to develop a "Vision Statement 2025" for the India-Indonesia Strategic Partnership. The "Vision Statement 2025" will guide the future progress between the two countries by preparing a blue print of India-Indonesia cooperation in various fields over the next 10 years. The Meeting discussed elements of cooperation and identified a number of recommendations which covered areas of strategic engagement, defence and security cooperation, comprehensive economic partnership, cultural and people-to-people links, and cooperation in responding to common challenges. The Members of the India-Indonesia Eminent Persons Group will continue discussion and consultations among themselves and various stakeholders over the next few months before submitting the report.

The II-EPG members paid a courtesy call on H.E. Ms. Retno L. P. Marsudi, the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Indonesia on 5 April 2016 and briefed her about the outcome of the meeting. The II-EPG members thanked the Government of Indonesia for the warmth and hospitality as well as the excellent arrangements made for the first meeting of Eminent Persons Group.

Jakarta: 8 April 2016

