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Meetings with Habibie, Alatas, Dewi Fortuna Anwar

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Elections

- Congratulations; your leadership key. Elections free, fair, democratic. Enthusiastic participation of the great majority of Indonesian voters. The elections themselves were a hugely important first step, but the road ahead is more difficult.
- Equally vital is that the appointment of the remaining MPR representatives and the selection of the president be made in a free and transparent manner so as to preserve and build on the initial gains of the elections.

East Timor

- Deeply concerned about developments in East Timor. Indonesia has not lived up to May 5 obligations to provide an environment of security in East Timor to permit a credible ballot in August.
- UNAMET cannot be blamed for this failure. You cannot win this fight against the UN. Information coming to us from a wide variety of sources clearly indicates that UNAMET activity is not the problem. The pro-integration militias are. These militias must be brought under control.
- International pressure on Indonesia over East Timor is growing and will continue to grow unless the GOI delivers on its responsibility. The same holds for pressure from the U.S. Congress. This could bode ill for Indonesia's relations with the international community and for U.S. - Indonesia relations. Tremendous good will following elections is evaporating. We do not wish to see this happen.
- Indonesia up against time-table dilemma. You agreed to provide the security environment needed for a credible ballot in August, but such an environment does not presently exist and UN will not proceed without it.
- We welcome initial steps taken, such as the introduction of more police in East Timor. But real improvements, not mere rhetoric, is needed to create an environment conducive to a credible ballot.

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