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Jakarta, April 26, 2005

Subject : **Farewell as the Chairman
of BAPETEN**

Dear colleagues, partners, friends,

I herewith wish to inform you that the new government of the Republic Indonesia has unfortunately decided to terminate my appointment as the Chairman of BAPETEN (Nuclear Energy Regulatory Agency of Indonesia); as my successor, our Minister of Research and Technology had sworn in Mr. Sukarman Aminjoyo, my former Executive Secretary, as the new Chairman of BAPETEN on April 13, 2005. I hope that you give this new chairman your whole hearted support.

This sudden change has caused naturally a deep disappointment on my part, as after two years of my chairmanship, there are still many important and urgent items in my agenda at BAPETEN, national and international, that need attention and completion. Granted the fact, I have no choice but to sincerely hope that the personal links and cooperation activities that I have started and developed between BAPETEN and your institution/agency in the field of nuclear energy, in particular in strengthening nuclear and radiological safety, security and safeguards in Indonesia and in the region, would not be significantly affected.

I am personally convinced that the role of nuclear energy, especially nuclear power, will increase in the future, particularly in the Asia - Pacific region, as a technical instrument to promote and sustain economic development and social welfare world wide. On the other hand, I am equally convinced that nuclear risks will also increase in the future, not only the safety risks but also those associated with nuclear and radiological security and safeguards.

As the past Chairman of BAPETEN and as an intellectual committed to the vision of peaceful uses of nuclear energy in a world free of nuclear threats to international peace and security, I am presently considering many ideas, one of which is to set up an independent **Centre for Nuclear Risks Reduction and Nuclear Energy Promotion** in Indonesia.

I look forward to your response, comments and ideas, hopefully also your support for the establishment of the envisaged centre, in the hope that I, as a private citizen, can still contribute significantly towards the realization of the above vision, that is, to reduce nuclear threats world wide and to promote peaceful uses of nuclear energy for the benefits of human kind.

With best personal regards,

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