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### **EU Statement on the sentencing of those convicted in attacks on Ahmadis**

*The European Union Delegation issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Indonesia.*

The EU Delegation takes note of the conviction and sentences ranging from 3 to 6 months imposed on 28<sup>th</sup> July on 12 individuals convicted of involvement in violent attacks against members of the Ahmadiyah community, which led to the deaths of three Indonesian citizens, on 6 February 2011 in Cikeusik, Banten province.

The EU Delegation recalls the need to ensure that religious and other minorities are adequately protected by the justice and law enforcement systems, including through sufficiently dissuasive penalties for acts of violence directed against such minorities.

With these important principles in mind, the EU Delegation shares the strong concerns voiced by many Indonesians that sentences imposed for violent crimes against religious or other minorities should always be commensurate with the gravity of the crimes committed.