

## **STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION AND APOLOGY**

Referring to a live radio interview conducted on Thursday, 14 April 2005 with Mr. Alan Jones of Radio 2GB Sydney regarding the Schapelle Corby case, a statement in the said interview was quoted by the Australian media and press alluding that prosecutors in the Schapelle Corby case offered to receive bribes in return for a lighter sentence.

I hereby clarify that this allegation is baseless and unsubstantiated. As it stands, the Corby defense team and officials of the Attorney General's Office of the Republic of Indonesia have never discussed, planned or colluded in the undertaking of illegal or unethical measures in alleged efforts to reduce Ms. Corby's sentence or to attain her acquittal altogether.

In view of the subsequent controversy and its negative effects on the image of the Indonesian legal system, I therefore wish to apologize to the Attorney General's Office of the Republic of Indonesia, the Government and People of the Republic of Indonesia for this baseless assertion. As in any legal system in the world, skepticism, criticism or even disapproval of its institutions and processes must be based on clear proof and evidence.

It is my hope that this statement may clear any unnecessary controversy that may have caused harm, directly or indirectly, to institutions or individuals that are involved in the legal case of Ms. Schapelle Corby.

Signed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2005,



**Ron Bakir**