

## Déclaration du gouvernement néerlandais à l'égard de la question indonésienne (10 février 1946)

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L'Ambassade Royale des Pays-Bas  
présente ses compliments empressés au Ministère des  
Affaires Etrangères et a l'honneur de lui faire parvenir  
le texte anglais d'une déclaration officielle contenant  
les propositions du Gouvernement des Pays-Bas à l'égard  
de la question indonésienne, déclaration qui fut émise  
le 10 février 1946.

Paris, le 25 février 1946.

Ministère des Affaires Etrangères

Paris.

In their policy regarding Indonesia the Netherlands Government are inspired by the conviction expressed in the address delivered by Queen Wilhelmina on December 6th, 1942, in the following words: "I know that no political unity nor national cohesion can continue to exist which are not supported by voluntary acceptance and faith of a great majority of the citizenry."

The Netherlands Government consequently have taken the view that the peoples of Indonesia should be enabled freely to decide their political destiny. Therefore the Netherlands Government, deeply conscious of their responsibility, consider it their duty to do everything in their power in order to create and to fulfill, as soon as possible, conditions which will permit such free decision to be taken and which will assure its international recognition, thereby complying with Article 73 of the United Nations' Charter. Without derogating in any way from the above mentioned principle, the Netherlands Government are furthermore convinced that the true interests of the country and of the respective peoples of Indonesia will thereafter also find their best guarantee in the voluntary continuation, in words of Her Majesty of "one realm in which Netherlands Indonesia, Surinam and Curaçao will participate, with complete selfreliance and freedom of conduct for each part regarding it's internal affairs but with readiness to render mutual assistance." The Netherlands Government therefore intend in consultation with authoritative representatives of Indonesia, selected

from large variety of groups, to draft a structure for the Kingdom and for Indónesia based on Democratic partnership. This structure will remain in force for <sup>a</sup> given period of time, during which it is believed that conditions which will make possible the taking of above mentioned free decision, will be fulfilled. After that period the partners shall independently decide on the continuance of their relations on a basis of a then complete and voluntary partnership. Difference of opinion regarding question whether that period should be further extended before free decision can be taken shall be submitted to a procedure of conciliation or if necessary of arbitration. With respect to structure mentioned in foregoing paragraph discussions will be held in accordance with the following main points:

- a) there shall be a commonwealth of Indónesia, a partner in the Kingdom composed of territories possessing different degrees of autonomy.
- b) there shall be established an Indonesian citizenship for all born in Indonesia; Netherlands and Indonesian citizens shall be entitled to exercise all civil rights in all parts of the Kingdom.
- c) domestic affairs of Indonesian Commonwealth shall be managed independently by the Commonwealth's own institutions for the Commonwealth as a whole the creation of a Democratic representative body containing therefore a substantial Indonesian majority is contemplated and furthermore a cabinet formed in political harmony with a representative body and a representative of the Crown as Head of the Government's Executive.

d) in order to be enabled to fulfill the obligations, incumbent upon the Kingdom as a result of article 73 of the United Nations' Charter, the representative of the Crown shall possess, under his responsibility to the Government of the Kingdom, certain special powers for guaranteeing fundamental rights, efficient administration and sound financial management. These powers shall be exercised only when these rights and interests are affected.

e) the envisaged constitution, containing the above mentioned structure, shall comprise guarantees for fundamental rights such as freedom of worship, legal equality without any discrimination as to creed or race, protection of person and of property, independence of judiciary, protection of minority rights, freedom of education and freedom of opinion and expression.

f) central institutions functioning for entire Kingdom shall be composed of representatives of the constituent parts of the Kingdom. The establishment of a Commonwealth Cabinet composed of Ministers from constituent parts of the Kingdom is contemplated as Commonwealth legislation requiring the agreement of the Parliaments of the respective constituent parts of the Kingdom.

g) After entry into force of the above mentioned constitution, the Netherlands Government shall promote the early admission of the Commonwealth of Indonesia as a member of the United Nations' Organisation.