

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AND LEIDEN UNIVERSITY OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS
CONCERNING THE COOPERATION IN ISLAMIC STUDIES**

With regard to the further implementation of the Indonesian-Netherlands Cooperation in Islamic Studies (INIS), a mission headed by the President of Leiden University visited Jakarta, Indonesia on 26 April 2004, and conducted discussions with the Minister of Religious Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties").

RECOGNIZING the achievements of the INIS program since 1988, which has resulted in substantially strengthening Islamic Studies at the Indonesian Islamic State Academies (STAIN), Indonesian Islamic State Institutes (IAIN), Indonesian Islamic Universities (UIN) as well as Leiden University; and

EMPHASIZING the importance of continuing the close and cordial relationship in the field of Islamic Studies, which has been developed in the framework of the INIS cooperation since 1988;

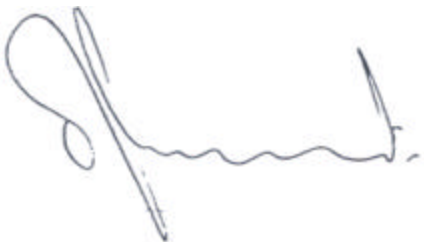
Have now agreed as follows:

1. Both parties will continue to send graduate students to each others' institutions. For this purpose Leiden University will continue to provide access to its international English language MA and PhD courses in Islamic Studies.
2. Both parties will continue to exchange senior lecturers and researchers to the benefit of both parties.
3. Both parties will continue to make efforts in convening joined international seminars in the field of Islamic Studies.
4. Both parties will continue to jointly produce publications in the field of Islamic Studies.
5. Both parties have agreed on the intention to expand the cooperation into other domains/disciplines such as natural sciences, humanities, and social sciences.
6. Both parties will continue to generate the necessary funds to implement the activities of the INIS program from the relevant government institutions, and/or private sources.

The abovementioned activities will be implemented from January 2005 onwards for a period of 5 years (2005-2009), as soon as the necessary funds have been raised.

Jakarta, 26 April 2004

For the Ministry of Religious Affairs,
The Director General of Islamic Institutions,



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For Leiden University,
The President of Leiden University,



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