Letter dated 24 May 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey the attached letter dated 24 May 2006 from the Government of Timor-Leste, signed by the President, Prime Minister and Speaker of the National Parliament (see annex). The letter draws attention to the deterioration of the internal security conditions in Timor-Leste, and indicates that the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste has requested assistance from the Governments of Portugal, Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia in sending defence and security forces to the country as a matter of urgency.

It is my hope that the Security Council will give favourable consideration to this request, on the understanding that the countries concerned are ready to provide assistance.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter urgently to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan
Annex

Letter dated 24 May 2006 from the President, Prime Minister and Speaker of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste addressed to the Secretary-General

In view of the deterioration of the internal security conditions in Timor-Leste, and in order to establish measures of security and confidence among the populations so as to restore tranquillity throughout the national territory and promote a climate of dialogue among the various sectors of society, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste has requested assistance from the Governments of Portugal, Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia in sending defence as well as security forces from their countries to Timor-Leste as a matter of urgency.

The request being made now to those countries is to take place in a bilateral framework taking into account the delay that a decision under the mandate of the United Nations would imply.

Nevertheless, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, conscious of the commitments it undertook before the United Nations, hereby requests Your Excellency to take the steps you deem necessary and convenient in order to obtain international support to the assistance to be extended by the aforementioned friendly countries.

(Signed) Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão
President of the Republic

(Signed) Mari Bim Amude Alkatiri
Prime Minister

(Signed) Francisco Guterres “Lu-Olo”
Speaker of the National Parliament
Letter dated 4 August 2006 from the Chargé d’affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to submit to you a copy of a letter dated 4 August 2006 addressed to the Secretary-General by José Ramos-Horta, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, on the establishment of a new integrated United Nations peacekeeping mission in Timor-Leste.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sofia Borges
Chargé d’affaires a.i.
Annex to the letter dated 4 August 2006 from the Chargé d’affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to thank you for your continued concern for the people of Timor-Leste and your personal engagement during these past months. The emergency situation in my country is at an end and it is now important to focus attention on the establishment of a new integrated United Nations peacekeeping mission in Timor-Leste working under the authority of the Secretary-General and within a framework as agreed to by the Government of Timor-Leste.

I should like to express our appreciation for the work of your Special Envoy, Ian Martin, and the efforts of the recent assessment mission.

On behalf of all Timorese, I wish to reiterate that we are deeply indebted to the deploying countries — Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand and Portugal — all of whom were able to respond promptly and efficiently to quell the violence and to maintain law and order and to re-establish confidence among the people.

As mentioned in the 11 June letter signed by President Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, the President of the National Parliament, Francisco Lu’Olo Guterres, and then Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri (S/2006/383, annex), we believe that a robust police, military and civilian element is indispensable to our hard-won peace and freedom. There is a consensus among all stakeholders that the situation in Timor-Leste requires the establishment of a United Nations multidimensional and integrated peacekeeping mission. Furthermore, in light of the prevailing fragility of the security situation and the need to maintain stability throughout the upcoming presidential and parliamentary elections, but taking into account that the emergency phase has passed and that the current arrangements regarding the international forces need to be reviewed, we deem necessary that along with a strong civilian component, the new mission should have a police force of considerable strength to allow for adequate deployment throughout the districts and subdistricts, backed by a small military force, under the command and control of the United Nations.

I reiterate my thanks for your support for the people of Timor-Leste and trust we can count on your continuing support in meeting our critical requirements for an integrated peacekeeping mission in your upcoming report to the Security Council.

(Signed) José Ramos-Horta
Prime Minister
Resolution 1704 (2006)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 5516th meeting, on 25 August 2006

The Security Council,


Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General of 8 August 2006 (S/2006/628),

Commending the people and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste for their action to resolve their political conflicts and the creation of the new government, and expressing its concern over the still fragile security, political and humanitarian situation in Timor-Leste, in light of the threat of weapons unaccounted for and the significant number of internally displaced persons,

Taking note of the letter dated 4 August 2006 addressed to the Secretary-General from the Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (S/2006/620), the letter dated 9 August 2006 addressed to the Secretary-General from the Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (S/2006/651) and the letter dated 11 August 2006 addressed to the Secretary-General from the Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (S/2006/668),

Reaffirming its full commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Timor-Leste, and to the promotion of long-lasting stability in Timor-Leste,

Expressing its appreciation and full support for the deployment of international security forces by the Governments of Portugal, Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia in response to the requests of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and their activities aiming to restore and maintain security in Timor-Leste,

Welcoming the establishment and initiation of the tasks of the Independent Special Commission of Inquiry for Timor-Leste in response to the request made by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in the letter dated 8 June 2006, and looking forward to its report by 7 October 2006,

Expressing its view that the presidential and parliamentary elections scheduled for 2007, to be held for the first time since the country’s independence, will be a
significant step forward in the process of strengthening the fragile democracy of Timor-Leste,

Reaffirming the need for credible accountability for the serious human rights violations committed in East Timor in 1999, and welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on Justice and Reconciliation for Timor-Leste of 26 July 2006 (S/2006/580),

Further commending the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (UNOTIL), under the leadership of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, as well as the good offices and assessment work of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General, and expressing its appreciation to those Member States which have provided support to UNOTIL,

Taking into account that, while the manifestations of the current crisis in Timor-Leste are political and institutional, poverty and its associated deprivations, including high urban unemployment, especially for youth, also contributed to the crisis,

Paying tribute to Timor-Leste’s bilateral and multilateral partners for their invaluable assistance, particularly with regard to institutional capacity-building and social and economic development, recognizing that there has been a considerable degree of success in the development of many aspects of governance in Timor-Leste, and expressing its view that a transfer of responsibility for various areas of support from UNOTIL to the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and other development partners should not be reversed,


Welcoming the efforts by the United Nations to sensitize United Nations personnel in the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases in all its established operations,

Noting the existence of challenges to the short- and long-term security and stability of an independent Timor-Leste, and determining that preserving the country’s stability is necessary for the maintenance of peace and security in the region,

1. Decides to establish a follow-on mission in Timor-Leste, the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT), for an initial period of six months, with the intention to renew for further periods, and further decides that UNMIT will consist of an appropriate civilian component, including up to 1,608 police personnel, and an initial component of up to 34 military liaison and staff officers;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to review the arrangements to be established between UNMIT and the international security forces, having consulted all stakeholders, including the Government of Timor-Leste and the contributors to international security forces, and present his views no later than 25 October 2006, and affirms that the Council shall consider possible adjustments in the mission structure, including nature and size of the military component, taking into account the above views of the Secretary-General;
3. Decides that UNMIT will be headed by a Special Representative of the Secretary-General, who will direct the operations of UNMIT and coordinate all United Nations activities in Timor-Leste;

4. Decides further that UNMIT will have the following mandate:

(a) To support the Government and relevant institutions, with a view to consolidating stability, enhancing a culture of democratic governance, and facilitating political dialogue among Timorese stakeholders, in their efforts to bring about a process of national reconciliation and to foster social cohesion;

(b) To support Timor-Leste in all aspects of the 2007 presidential and parliamentary electoral process, including through technical and logistical support, electoral policy advice and verification or other means;

(c) To ensure, through the presence of United Nations police, the restoration and maintenance of public security in Timor-Leste through the provision of support to the Timorese national police (PNTL), as outlined in the Secretary-General’s report, which includes interim law enforcement and public security until PNTL is reconstituted, and to assist with the further training, institutional development and strengthening of the PNTL as well as the Ministry of Interior, and also assist in the planning and preparing of electoral-related security arrangements to adequately prepare the national police for performing their roles and responsibilities during the conduct of the 2007 elections;

(d) To support the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, to liaise on security tasks and to establish a continuous presence in three border districts alongside armed United Nations police officers assigned to district police stations, through the impartial presence of United Nations military liaison officers;

(e) To assist the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in conducting a comprehensive review of the future role and needs of the security sector, including the Falintil-Forças Armadas de Defesa Timor-Leste, the Ministry of Defence, the PNTL and the Ministry of Interior with a view to supporting the Government, through the provision of advisers and in cooperation and coordination with other partners, in strengthening institutional capacity-building, as appropriate;

(f) To assist, in cooperation and coordination with other partners, in further building the capacity of State and Government institutions in areas where specialized expertise is required, such as in the justice sector, and to promote a “compact” between Timor-Leste and the international community for coordinating Government, United Nations and other multilateral and bilateral contributors to priority programmes;

(g) To assist in further strengthening the national institutional and societal capacity and mechanisms for the monitoring, promoting and protecting of human rights and for promoting justice and reconciliation, including for women and children, and to observe and report on the human rights situation;

(h) To facilitate the provision of relief and recovery assistance and access to the Timorese people in need, with a particular focus on the segment of society in the most vulnerable situation, including internally displaced and women and children;

(i) To assist in the implementation of the relevant recommendations in the Secretary-General’s report on Justice and Reconciliation, including to assist the
Office of the Prosecutor-General of Timor-Leste, through the provision of a team of experienced investigative personnel, to resume investigative functions of the former Serious Crimes Unit, with a view to completing investigations into outstanding cases of serious human rights violations committed in the country in 1999;

(j) To cooperate and coordinate with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes as well as all relevant partners, including the international financial institutions and donors, in carrying out tasks mentioned above as relevant, with a view to making maximum use of existing and forthcoming bilateral and multilateral assistance to Timor-Leste in post-conflict peacebuilding and capacity-building, and to support the Government and relevant institutions, in cooperation and coordination with other partners, in designing poverty reduction and economic growth policies and strategies to achieve the development plan of Timor-Leste;

(k) To mainstream gender perspectives and those of children and youth throughout the Mission’s policies, programmes and activities, and, working together with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, support the development of a national strategy to promote gender equality and empowerment of women;

(l) To provide objective and accurate information to the Timorese people, particularly regarding the forthcoming 2007 elections, while promoting an understanding of the work of UNMIT, and to assist in building local media capacity;

(m) To ensure, within its capability and areas of deployment, and in coordination with the international security forces, the security and freedom of movement of United Nations and associated personnel, and protect United Nations personnel, facilities, installations and equipment and humanitarian assets associated with the operation; and

(n) To monitor and review progress in (a) through (m) above;

5. Calls upon the international security forces to fully cooperate with and provide assistance to UNMIT for the implementation of the mandate mentioned above;

6. Requests that the Secretary-General and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste conclude a status-of-forces agreement within 30 days of adoption of this resolution, taking into consideration General Assembly resolution 60/123 on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, and decides that pending conclusion of such agreement, the agreement between the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the United Nations Concerning the Status of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISET) dated 20 May 2002 shall apply provisionally, mutatis mutandis, in respect of UNMIT;

7. Calls upon all parties in Timor-Leste to cooperate fully in the deployment and operations of UNMIT and international security forces, in particular in ensuring the safety, security and freedom of movement of United Nations personnel as well as associated personnel throughout Timor-Leste;

8. Encourages the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Office of the President to create a mechanism to ensure high-level coordination on all matters related to the mandate of UNMIT;
9. *Further encourages* Timor-Leste to enact a set of electoral legislation which provides for the 2007 elections to be supervised, organized, administered and conducted in a free, fair and transparent manner, with due respect to the need to establish an independent mechanism, and reflects general consensus within Timor-Leste regarding the appropriate modalities for the 2007 electoral process;

10. *Urges* the development partners including the United Nations agencies and multilateral financial institutions to continue providing resources and assistance for the preparations for the 2007 elections and other projects towards sustainable and long-term development in Timor-Leste;

11. *Takes note* of the findings contained in the report of the Commission of Experts of 15 July 2005 (S/2005/458), *welcomes* the efforts so far by Indonesia and Timor-Leste in pursuance of truth and friendship, *encourages* the two Governments and the Commissioners to make every effort to strengthen the efficiency and credibility of the Commission of Truth and Friendship in order to ensure further conformity with human rights principles, with a view to ensuring credible accountability, and *welcomes* the proposal of the Secretary-General to create a programme of international assistance to Timor-Leste, consisting of a community restoration programme and a justice programme, including establishment of a solidarity fund by the United Nations to accept voluntary contributions from Member States for the purpose of funding those programmes;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Council closely and regularly informed of developments on the ground, including in particular the state of preparations for the 2007 elections and of the implementation of the mandate of UNMIT, and to submit a report no later than 1 February 2007, with recommendations for any modifications such progress might allow to size, composition, mandate and duration of the UNMIT presence;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to achieve actual compliance in UNMIT with the United Nations zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse, including the development of strategies and appropriate mechanisms to prevent, identify and respond to all forms of misconduct, including sexual exploitation and abuse, and the enhancement of training for personnel to prevent misconduct and ensure full compliance with the United Nations code of conduct, requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action in accordance with the Secretary-General’s Bulletin on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (ST/SGB/2003/13) and to keep the Council informed, and *urges* troop-contributing countries to take appropriate preventive action including the conduct of predeployment awareness training, and to take disciplinary action and other action to ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel;

14. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.
Resolution 1745 (2007)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 5634th meeting, on 22 February 2007

The Security Council,


Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General of 1 February 2007 (S/2007/50),

Reaffirming its full commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, national unity of Timor-Leste and the promotion of long-term stability in the country,

Commending the people and the Government of Timor-Leste for their continued action to resolve their political challenges and other steps taken towards national dialogue and political reconciliation, and encouraging all parties to redouble their efforts in this regard,

Reaffirming the need for respect for the independence of the judiciary and its responsibility and welcoming the conviction of the leaders of Timor-Leste on the need for justice and their determination to act against impunity,

Expressing its concern over the still fragile and volatile security, political, social and humanitarian situation in Timor-Leste and welcoming initial efforts made in the security sector,

Taking note of a joint letter dated 7 December 2006 addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2006/1022) from President Gusmao, Prime Minister Ramos-Horta and National Parliament President Guterres, requesting that the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) be reinforced with an additional Formed Police Unit (FPU),

Reiterating its view that the forthcoming presidential and parliamentary elections will be a significant step in the process of strengthening democracy in Timor-Leste,

Welcoming the adoption of the laws on the National Commission on Elections, as well as on the Parliamentary and Presidential Elections, and encouraging
additional steps, including amendments deemed necessary, implementation of an appropriate regulatory framework, and logistical preparations to be undertaken with the assistance of UNMIT,

Further welcoming the passing by the Parliament of Timor-Leste on 9 January 2007, of a resolution, which adopted the recommendations of the Independent Special Commission of Inquiry and the additional recommendations of the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Commission and noting the action taken to date by the Government of Timor-Leste, including a number of judicial proceedings in relation to the events of April and May 2006, and further noting the need for continued efforts to implement the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry,

Stressing the need to implement fully the “Arrangement on the Restoration and Maintenance of Public Security in Timor-Leste and Assistance to the Reform, Restructuring and Rebuilding of PNTL and the Ministry of Interior”, concluded between the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT on 1 December 2006,

Expressing its full support for the continued deployment of the international security force in response to the requests of the Government of Timor-Leste, and their activities to support UNMIT in the restoration and maintenance of law and stability,

Noting with appreciation the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Timor-Leste, the United Nations and the Government of Australia on 26 January 2007 that established a Trilateral Coordination Forum to enhance security activities,

Recalling that, while the manifestations of the current challenges in Timor-Leste are political and institutional in nature, poverty and its associated deprivations also contributed to these challenges, paying tribute to Timor-Leste’s bilateral and multilateral partners for their invaluable assistance, particularly with regard to institutional capacity-building and social and economic development, and recognizing the progress being made in the development of many aspects of governance in Timor-Leste,

Welcoming the Agreement between the Government of Timor-Leste and the United Nations Development Programme to provide, with donor support, technical support for enhancing transparency and anti-corruption measures,

Taking note of the launching on 17 January 2007 of a Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP) to respond to the remaining humanitarian and ongoing protection needs for a period of six months beyond December 2006, including providing humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons in order to facilitate their return, relocation and reintegration,


Expressing its appreciation for the efforts of UNMIT and the United Nations Country Team, under the leadership of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General,

1. Decides to extend the mandate of UNMIT until 26 February 2008;
2. Decides to increase UNMIT’s authorized force strength by up to 140 police personnel in order to permit the deployment of an additional formed police unit to supplement the existing FPUs particularly during the pre- and post-electoral period;
3. Welcomes the signing of the military technical arrangement between the United Nations and Australia on 25 January 2007 under which the international security force ensures protection of United Nations premises and properties as well as a rapid response capacity for the UNMIT police;

4. Calls upon the Government of Timor-Leste, assisted by UNMIT, to continue working on a comprehensive review of future role and needs of the security sector including the Ministry of Interior, PNTL, Ministry of Defence, and F-FDTL;

5. Emphasizes the need for regular meetings and information sharing and, in that regard, welcomes the establishment of a Trilateral Coordination Forum, with participants from the Government of Timor-Leste, UNMIT and the international security force, in order to maintain coordination;

6. Calls upon all parties in Timor-Leste to adhere to the principles of non-violence and to democratic and legal processes to ensure that the upcoming elections have a unifying impact and contribute to bringing the people of Timor-Leste together and encourages all Timorese parties to ensure that free, fair and peaceful elections take place and that the timetable for polls developed by the National Commission on Elections is respected;

7. Takes note of the work of the United Nations Independent Certification Team, encourages the implementation of its key recommendations to ensure credibility of the electoral process, and further encourages the international community to assist in this process including through electoral observation;

8. Calls upon all parties in Timor-Leste, and in particular political leaders, to continue to work together in a spirit of cooperation and compromise in order to consolidate progress made by Timor-Leste in recent years and to enable the country to move to a peaceful and more prosperous future;

9. Emphasizes the importance of ongoing efforts to reach accountability and justice for the events of 1999 and April through May 2006, including follow-up to the Independent Special Commission of Inquiry report and, in this regard, encourages UNMIT’s sustained efforts to support national dialogue, political reconciliation and the strengthening of the justice system;

10. Calls upon UNMIT to continue to cooperate and coordinate with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes as well as all relevant partners to support the Government of Timor-Leste and relevant institutions and in designing poverty reduction and economic growth policies;

11. Urges the development partners including the United Nations agencies and multilateral financial institutions to continue providing resources and assistance for the preparations for the upcoming elections, other projects towards sustainable development and calls upon the international donor community to consider contributing generously towards the 2007 Consolidated Appeal for Timor-Leste;

12. Requests UNMIT fully to take into account gender considerations as set out in Security Council resolution 1325 as a cross-cutting issue throughout its mandate, and further requests the Secretary-General to include in his reporting to the Security Council progress on gender mainstreaming throughout UNMIT and all other aspects relating to the situation of women and girls, especially in relation to the need to protect them from gender-based violence;
13. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to ensure full compliance in UNMIT with the United Nations zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and to keep the Council informed, and urges those countries contributing troops and police to take appropriate preventive action and to ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel;

14. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep the Council closely and regularly informed of developments on the ground, in particular the state of preparations for the upcoming elections and the security situation and to submit a report which includes recommendations for possible adjustments in UNMIT’s mandate and strength to the Security Council within 60 days after the Presidential and Parliamentary elections in Timor-Leste, and to submit a report no later than 45 days before the expiration of the current mandate and to submit further reports as and when he considers appropriate;

15. Decides to remain seized of the matter.
Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 2006

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/644)]


The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste \(^1\) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,\(^2\)

Recalling Security Council resolution 1704 (2006) of 25 August 2006, by which the Council decided to establish a follow-on mission in Timor-Leste, the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste, for an initial period of six months, with the intention to renew it for further periods,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and 60/266 of 30 June 2006, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. Expresses concern at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

\(^1\) A/61/519.  
\(^2\) A/61/567.
3. Also expresses concern at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

4. Emphasizes that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. Also emphasizes that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. Recalls its resolution 60/266, section VI, paragraph 1, and emphasizes the importance of ensuring coordination and collaboration of efforts with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and the implementation of a unified workplan, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on measures taken and progress made and to provide clear descriptions of respective roles and responsibilities in future budget submissions;

7. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. Notes the additional information provided by the Secretary-General on the ability to finance twenty-two general temporary assistance positions for the backstopping of the Mission at United Nations Headquarters in the amount of 2,307,500 United States dollars from the resources approved for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

10. Authorizes the Secretary-General to finance up to twenty-two general temporary assistance positions at United Nations Headquarters to provide support for the deployment of the Mission from the resources approved for the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, to be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the performance report on the support account for the period;

11. Reaffirms its resolution 59/296, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of its relevant provisions and the relevant provisions of its resolution 60/266;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

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14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make greater use of national staff;

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15. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

16. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Mission for the period from 25 August 2006 to 31 March 2007 in a total amount not exceeding 170,221,100 dollars, inclusive of the amount of 49,961,500 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

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17. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 143,140,420 dollars for the period from 25 August 2006 to 25 February 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolutions 58/256 of 23 December 2003 and 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, and the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

18. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 2,046,840 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 25 August 2006 to 25 February 2007;

19. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 27,080,680 dollars for the period from 26 February to 31 March 2007 at the monthly rate of 23,556,753 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

20. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 387,360 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 26 February to 31 March 2007;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

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Resolution 1802 (2008)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 5844th meeting, on 25 February 2008

The Security Council,


Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General of 17 January 2008 (S/2008/26) and recalling the report of the Security Council mission to Timor-Leste which took place from 24 to 30 November 2007 (S/2007/711),

Reaffirming its full commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Timor-Leste and the promotion of long-term stability in the country,

Welcoming the successful conclusion of the presidential and parliamentary elections in 2007 and the formation of a democratically elected government and institutions in Timor-Leste,

Urging the Government and people of Timor-Leste to continue their efforts to resolve their political challenges, taking note with appreciation the determination of the Government to restore stability and normalcy while reaffirming their commitment to democracy and the rule of law and further taking note with appreciation the commitment of the opposition to support peace and national stability,

Noting that the political, security, social and humanitarian situation in Timor-Leste remains fragile,

Reiterating its call on the leadership and other stakeholders in Timor-Leste to pursue peaceful dialogue and to avoid violent means to resolve differences,

Reaffirming the need for respect for the independence of the judiciary and its responsibility, welcoming the conviction of the leaders of Timor-Leste on the need for justice and their determination to act against impunity, and in this regard acknowledging the serious resources constraints of the judicial system, encouraging the leadership of Timor-Leste to continue efforts to establish accountability for
serious criminal offences committed during the 2006 crisis as recommended by the Independent Special Commission of Inquiry,

Recalling its previous statements on the need to implement fully the “Arrangement on the Restoration and Maintenance of Public Security in Timor-Leste and Assistance to the Reform, Restructuring and Rebuilding of PNTL and the Ministry of Interior”, concluded between the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT on 1 December 2006, and in this regard, stressing the need for constructive engagement between UNMIT police and PNTL in view of developing the capacity and capability of the national police,

Expressing its full support for the role of the international security forces in assisting the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT, in the restoration and maintenance of law and stability, in response to the requests of the Government of Timor-Leste,

Recalling that while the manifestations of the current challenges in Timor-Leste are political and institutional in nature, poverty and its associated deprivations also contributed to these challenges, paying tribute to Timor-Leste’s bilateral and multilateral partners for their invaluable assistance, particularly with regard to institutional capacity-building and social and economic development, and recognizing the progress being made in the development of many aspects of governance in Timor-Leste,


Recognizing the important role that the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) continues to play in promoting peace, stability and development in Timor-Leste, and expressing its appreciation for the efforts of UNMIT and the United Nations Country Team, under the leadership of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG),

1. Decides to extend the mandate of UNMIT until 26 February 2009 at the current authorized levels;

2. Condemns in the strongest possible terms the attacks on the President and Prime Minister of Timor-Leste on 11 February 2008 and all attempts to destabilize the country, noting that these heinous acts represent an attack on the legitimate institutions of Timor-Leste, and welcomes the swift and constructive reaction by the neighbouring countries;

3. Calls on the Government of Timor-Leste to bring to justice those responsible for this heinous act, urge all parties to cooperate actively with the authorities in this regard;

4. Calls upon the people of Timor-Leste to remain calm, exercise restraint and maintain stability in the country;

5. Urges all parties in Timor-Leste, in particular political leaders, to continue to work together and engage in political dialogue and consolidate peace, democracy, rule of law, sustainable social and economic development and national reconciliation in the country, and expresses its full support for the continued efforts of the SRSG aimed at addressing critical political and security-related issues facing
the country through inclusive and collaborative processes, including the High-Level Coordination Committee and the Trilateral Coordination Forum;

6. Reaffirms the importance of ongoing efforts to reach accountability and justice, and underlines the importance of the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Special Commission of Inquiry report of 2006 by the Government of Timor-Leste;

7. Emphasizes the need for sustained support of the international community to Timor-Leste to develop and strengthen its institutions and further build capacities in the justice sector;

8. Requests UNMIT to continue its efforts, adjusting them as necessary to enhance the effectiveness of the judiciary system, and assist the Government of Timor-Leste in carrying out the proceedings recommended by the Commission of Inquiry;

9. Calls upon UNMIT to support the Government of Timor-Leste in its efforts to coordinate donor cooperation in areas of institutional capacity-building;

10. Further calls upon the Government of Timor-Leste, assisted by UNMIT, to continue working on a comprehensive review of future role and needs of the security sector, including the Ministry of Interior, PNTL, Ministry of Defence, and F-FDTL; given the sector’s importance to long-term stability, request UNMIT to intensify its efforts in support of the review in close coordination with the Government of Timor-Leste and relevant donors, and welcomes the establishment of a three-tier coordination mechanism established in August 2007 to address the broader challenges in the security sector;

11. Requests UNMIT, working with partners, to intensify its efforts to assist with further training, mentoring, institutional development and strengthening of the PNTL with a view to enhancing its effectiveness, including with respect to addressing the special needs of women, while continuing to ensure, through the presence of UNMIT police component, the restoration and maintenance of public security in Timor-Leste through the provision of support to PNTL, which includes interim law enforcement and public security until PNTL is reconstituted;

12. Welcomes the Secretary-General’s intention to send an expert mission to UNMIT in the first quarter of 2008 to conduct a thorough assessment of the requirements of the national police as well as possible adjustments needed to UNMIT police skill sets; and requests him to inform the Council of the finding of the expert mission;

13. Takes note of the establishment of Timor-Leste National Recovery Strategy aimed at addressing the socio-economic challenges facing the country, including the issue of IDPs and promotion of sustainable livelihoods and in this regard, calls upon UNMIT to continue to cooperate and coordinate with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes as well as all relevant partners to support the Government of Timor-Leste and relevant institutions and in designing poverty reduction and economic growth policies;

14. Requests UNMIT fully to take into account gender considerations as set out in Security Council resolution 1325 as a cross-cutting issue throughout its mandate, and further requests the Secretary-General to include in his reporting to the Security Council progress on gender mainstreaming throughout UNMIT and all
other aspects relating to the situation of women and girls, especially in relation to the need to protect them from gender-based violence, detailing special measures proposed and taken to protect women and girls from such violence;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to ensure full compliance in UNMIT with the United Nations zero tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and to keep the Council informed, and urges those countries contributing troops and police to take appropriate preventive action and to ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel;

16. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep the Council regularly informed of the developments on the ground and on the implementation of this resolution, including in particular progress on his Special Representative’s efforts in support for dialogue and reconciliation, and to submit to the Security Council no later than 1 August 2008, a report which includes possible adjustments in UNMIT’s mandate and strength to the Security Council, also requests the Secretary-General in consultation with the Government of Timor-Leste, to develop a medium-term strategy with appropriate benchmarks to measure and track progress, and to submit further reports as and when he considers appropriate;

17. Decides to remain seized of the matter.
Resolution 1912 (2010)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 6278th meeting, on 26 February 2010

The Security Council,


Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General of 12 February 2010 (S/2010/85), including the overview of the findings and recommendations of the Technical Assessment Mission, and its broad consultations with the Timorese authorities and other relevant stakeholders,

Reaffirming its full commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Timor-Leste and the promotion of long-term stability in the country,

Taking note of general stability through further improvements in the political and security situation, and reiterating its call on the leadership and other stakeholders in Timor-Leste to continue to pursue peaceful dialogue and to avoid violent means to resolve differences,

Welcoming the successful completion of the village (suco) elections in October 2009 as an indication of the progress made in the democratic political process in Timor-Leste,

Welcoming also the efforts of the political leadership of Timor-Leste to create opportunities for all political parties to make contributions to issues of national interest,

Reaffirming the need for respect for the independence of the judiciary, stressing the need to act against impunity, in this regard acknowledging the serious resource constraints of the judicial system, encouraging the leadership of Timor-Leste to continue its efforts to establish accountability for serious criminal offences including those committed during the 2006 crisis as recommended by the Independent Special Commission of Inquiry, and welcoming the adoption of a resolution by the Parliament of Timor-Leste on 14 December 2009,

Expressing its full support to the establishment of the Anti-Corruption Commission, an independent organ that reports to the National Parliament,
welcoming the appointment of its first commissioner, and encouraging Timor-Leste to take further steps to continue to increase the transparency, accountability and efficiency of the public administration,

Welcoming the resumption of primary policing responsibilities by the Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste (PNTL) to date, and recalling its previous statements on the need to implement fully the “Arrangement on the Restoration and Maintenance of Public Security in Timor-Leste and Assistance to the Reform, Restructuring and Rebuilding of PNTL and the Ministry of Interior”, concluded between the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT on 1 December 2006,

Noting the statement made by President José Ramos-Horta on 9 December 2009 on the views of the Timorese authorities regarding the future role of UNMIT police during the 2010-2012 period,

Expressing its full support for the role of the international security forces in assisting the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT, in the maintenance of law and stability, in response to the requests of the Government of Timor-Leste,

Expressing deep concern with the high rates of unemployment and poverty among the Timorese population, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, welcoming in this regard the actions already taken by the Government of Timor-Leste to address these issues, in particular the efforts to finalize the National Strategic Development Plan, and underlining the importance of continued support by the international community for the socio-economic development of Timor-Leste,

Recalling that while the manifestations of the current challenges in Timor-Leste are political and institutional in nature, poverty and its associated deprivations also contribute to these challenges, paying tribute to Timor-Leste’s bilateral and multilateral partners for their invaluable assistance, particularly with regard to human resource development, institutional capacity-building and social and economic development, and recognizing the progress being made in the development of many aspects of governance in Timor-Leste,

Welcoming the closing of all the internally displaced persons (IDPs) camps, while recognizing the remaining challenges with regards to the full reintegration of IDPs, in assuring the sustainability of the return and the reintegration into Timorese society,


Recognizing the important role that UNMIT continues to play in promoting peace, stability and development in Timor-Leste, and expressing its appreciation for the efforts of UNMIT and the United Nations Country Team, under the leadership of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG),

1. Decides to extend the mandate of UNMIT until 26 February 2011 at the current authorized levels;
2. **Urges** all parties in Timor-Leste, in particular political leaders, to continue to work together and engage in political dialogue and to consolidate peace, democracy, rule of law, sustainable social and economic development, advancement of protection of human rights and national reconciliation in the country, and reaffirms its full support for the continued efforts of the SRSG aimed at addressing critical political and security-related issues facing the country, including enhancing a culture of democratic governance, through an inclusive and collaborative processes;

3. **Requests** UNMIT to extend the necessary support, within its current mandate, for municipal elections, if requested by the Government of Timor-Leste, and encourages the international community to assist in this process;

4. **Reaffirms** the continued importance of the review and reform of the security sector in Timor-Leste, in particular the need to delineate between the roles and responsibilities of the Falintil-Forças de Defesa de Timor-Leste (F-FDTL) and the PNTL, to strengthen legal frameworks, and to enhance civilian oversight and accountability mechanisms of both security institutions, and requests UNMIT to continue to support the Government of Timor-Leste in these efforts;

5. **Supports** the ongoing work on the resumption of policing responsibilities by the PNTL through a phased approach, to ensure that the PNTL meet the criteria mutually agreed between the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT as set out in paragraph 21 of the report of the Secretary-General of 4 February 2009 (S/2009/72), and requests the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT to continue their cooperation to implement expeditiously the resumption process in accordance with the mutually agreed criteria;

6. **Endorses** the Secretary-General’s intention to reconfigure the UNMIT police component, including its drawdown, in accordance with the phased resumption process of policing responsibilities by the PNTL, and requests the Secretary-General to include in his next report his review of this process;

7. **Requests** UNMIT to continue to ensure, through the presence of UNMIT police component and the provision of support to the PNTL, the maintenance of public security in Timor-Leste, which includes interim law enforcement and public security until the PNTL is fully reconstituted, and, working with partners, to intensify its efforts to assist with further training, mentoring, institutional development and strengthening of the PNTL with a view to enhancing its effectiveness, including with respect to community policing, and to address the special needs of women, and recognizes the importance of ensuring that UNMIT personnel have the appropriate profile and specialized skill sets for these tasks, and the potential need for civilian experts for the above purpose;

8. **Underscores** the need for the concept of operations and rules of engagement to be regularly updated as necessary and to be fully in line with the provisions of this resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to report on them to the Security Council and troop and police contributing countries within 90 days after the adoption of this resolution;

9. **Reaffirms** the importance of ongoing efforts to achieve accountability and justice, expresses its support for the work of UNMIT in assisting the Government of Timor-Leste in this regard within its mandate, and underlines the importance of the implementation by the Government of Timor-Leste of the recommendations of the
United Nations Special Commission of Inquiry report of 2006 (S/2006/822), including paragraphs 225 through 228 of the report;

10. Underlines the importance of a coordinated approach to the justice sector reform, taking into account the recommendations of the Independent Comprehensive Needs Assessment and through implementation of the Timorese Government’s Justice Sector Strategic Plan, and the ongoing need to increase Timorese ownership and strengthen national capacity in judicial line functions, including the training and specialization of national lawyers and judges, and emphasizes the need for sustained support of the international community in capacity-building and strengthening of institutions in this sector;

11. Requests UNMIT to continue its efforts, adjusting them as necessary to enhance the effectiveness of the judiciary, in assisting the Government of Timor-Leste in carrying out the proceedings recommended by the Commission of Inquiry;

12. Calls upon UNMIT to continue to support the Government of Timor-Leste in its efforts to coordinate donor cooperation in areas of institutional capacity-building;

13. Recognizes the importance of Timor-Leste National Recovery Strategy, especially the attention paid to infrastructure, rural development and human resources capacity development, and in this regard, calls upon UNMIT to continue to cooperate and coordinate with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, as well as all relevant partners, to support the Government of Timor-Leste and relevant institutions in designing poverty reduction, improving education, promotion of sustainable livelihood and economic growth policies;

14. Encourages the Government of Timor-Leste to strengthen peacebuilding perspectives in such areas as employment and empowerment, especially focusing on rural areas and youth, as well as local socio-economic development in particular in the agricultural sector;

15. Requests UNMIT to fully take into account gender considerations as set out in Security Council resolutions 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009) and 1889 (2009) as a cross-cutting issue throughout its mandate, stressing the importance of strengthening the responsiveness of the security sector to specific needs of women, and further requests the Secretary-General to include in his reporting to the Security Council progress on gender mainstreaming throughout UNMIT and all other aspects relating to the situation of women and girls, especially on the need to protect them from gender-based violence, detailing special measures to protect women and girls from such violence;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to ensure full compliance by UNMIT with the United Nations zero tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and to keep the Council informed, and urges those countries contributing troops and police to take appropriate preventive action and to ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel;

17. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council regularly informed of the developments on the ground and on the implementation of this resolution and to submit to the Security Council, no later than 15 October 2010, a report which includes elements requested in paragraph 6 of this resolution, and, no
later than 26 January 2011, a report which includes possible adjustments in UNMIT’s mandate and strength;

18. Reaffirms the importance of the medium-term strategy and benchmarks for measuring and tracking progress in Timor-Leste, and assessing the level and form of United Nations support while keeping the benchmarks under active review, and underlines the importance of ownership of the strategy by the leaders and people of Timor-Leste in this process;

19. Decides to remain seized of the matter.
Resolution 1969 (2011)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 6487th meeting, on 24 February 2011

The Security Council,


Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General of 25 January 2011 (S/2011/32),

Reaffirming its full commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Timor-Leste and the promotion of long-term stability in the country,

Taking note of general stability through further improvements in the political and security situation, and welcoming the strong commitment of the leadership and other stakeholders in Timor-Leste to fostering national dialogue and peaceful and inclusive participation in democratic processes, and their ongoing efforts to promote continued peace, stability and unity,

Welcoming efforts by the Government to promote cooperation and dialogue between local and national authorities, including through consultations in December 2010 on the Government’s development plans for 2011, and encouraging further efforts in this regard,

Welcoming also the efforts of the political leadership of Timor-Leste to create opportunities for all political parties to make contributions to issues of national interest, as exemplified by the concluding conference of the National Consensus Dialogue on Truth, Justice and Reconciliation, held in October 2010,

Reaffirming the need for respect for the independence of the judiciary, stressing the need to act against impunity, while noting the continuing serious resource constraints of the judicial system, encouraging the leadership of Timor-Leste to continue to increase its efforts to establish accountability for serious criminal offences including those committed during the 2006 crisis, as recommended by the Independent Special Commission of Inquiry,

Welcoming the commencement in September 2010 of deliberations by the National Parliament of Timor-Leste on the draft laws on reparations and on the
establishment of follow-on institutions to the Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation and the Commission of Truth and Friendship, pursuant to the resolution of the Parliament of Timor-Leste adopted on 14 December 2009, and encouraging further progress in finalizing this legislation,

Welcoming the progress made in strengthening capacities in the justice and corrections sectors, which has resulted in enhanced access to justice, reductions in pending criminal prosecution cases, and improved prison infrastructure, as well as the enactment of important legislation, such as the Criminal Code and the Law Against Domestic Violence,

Recognizing the steps taken by the Government of Timor-Leste to further strengthen the institutional capacities and effectiveness of the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Civil Service Commission and to consolidate broad support for anti-corruption measures, and emphasizing the importance of effective laws, institutions, mechanisms and norms relating to the transparency, accountability and efficiency of Public Administration for the country’s long-term stability and development,

Welcoming the commencement of a jointly-owned transition planning and implementation mechanism, including the first meeting of the High-Level Committee on Transition and agreement on the establishment of seven joint technical working groups, and stressing the importance of this process proceeding in a manner that supports national priorities and concerns,

Welcoming the further progress towards the full resumption of primary policing responsibilities by the Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste (PNTL),

Reaffirming the need to implement fully the “Arrangement on the Restoration and Maintenance of Public Security in Timor-Leste and Assistance to the Reform, Restructuring and Rebuilding of PNTL and the Ministry of Interior”, concluded between the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT on 1 December 2006, and expressing concern that the Government of Timor-Leste has certified 52 PNTL officers who face serious disciplinary and criminal charges,

Noting the continuing need for support to the PNTL’s further institutional development and capacity-building, particularly through the transfer of skills to address existing demands, following its resumption of policing responsibilities in all districts and units,

Expressing its full support for the role of the international security forces in assisting the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT, in the maintenance of law and stability, in response to the requests of the Government of Timor-Leste,

Welcoming the progress of the Government of Timor-Leste in achieving strong economic growth and socio-economic development, including reductions in the percentage of the population living in poverty and the improvement of human development indicators, while acknowledging the challenges that remain in achieving inclusive and sustainable growth, particularly through the promotion of rural development, the private sector, and employment generation, especially for the youth, and by regulating land and property titles and ownership,

Welcoming also the commitment and action of the Government of Timor-Leste to promote the objectives of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), including measures taken to protect women and girls from gender based violence, especially
those related to the implementation of the new Law Against Domestic Violence, and
the work of the PNTL Vulnerable Persons Units, and other measures relating to the
situation of women and girls,

Noting the efforts by the Government of Timor-Leste to finalize the National
Strategic Development Plan covering the period from 2011 to 2030, and stressing
the need to continue such efforts,

Recalling that, while Timor-Leste has seen progress in many aspects of its
political, economic and social development, as well as in human resources
development and institution building, the country still faces many challenges in
areas related to the underlying factors of the 2006 crisis and needs continued
assistance of bilateral and multilateral partners in order to fully realize its potential
for equitable and sustainable growth,

Acknowledging the contribution that Timor-Leste has made in demonstrating
the critical importance of institution building in post conflict peacebuilding,

Stressing the importance for Timor-Leste’s long-term stability of ensuring a
peaceful, credible and transparent electoral process in 2012,

Stressing further the importance of promoting a continued understanding of,
and respect for, the checks and balances among the core institutions of State,

Welcoming the continued efforts of the Timorese Government in providing for
the full reintegration of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) into their
communities and into the Timorese society,

Recognizing the important role that UNMIT continues to play in promoting
peace, stability and development in Timor-Leste, and expressing its appreciation for
the efforts of UNMIT and the United Nations Country Team, under the leadership of
the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG),

1. **Decides** to extend the mandate of UNMIT until 26 February 2012 at the
current authorized levels;

2. **Urges** all parties in Timor-Leste, in particular political leaders, to
continue to work together and engage in political dialogue and to consolidate peace,
democracy, rule of law, sustainable social and economic development, promotion of
protection of human rights and advancement of national reconciliation in the
country, and **reaffirms** its full support for the continued efforts of the SRSG aimed at
addressing critical political and security-related issues facing the country, including
enhancing a culture of democratic governance, through an inclusive and
collaborative processes;

3. **Requests** UNMIT to extend the necessary support, within its current
mandate, for the preparation of the parliamentary and presidential elections of 2012,
as requested by the Government of Timor-Leste, and in accordance with the
recommendations of the planned electoral assessment mission, and **encourages** the
international community to assist in this process;

4. **Reaffirms** the importance that the Government of Timor-Leste continues the
review and reform of the security sector in Timor-Leste, in particular the need to
delineate between the roles and responsibilities of the Falintil-Forças de Defesa de
Timor-Leste (F-FDTL) and the PNTL, to strengthen legal frameworks, and to
enhance civilian oversight and accountability mechanisms of both security
institutions, and requests UNMIT to continue to support the Government of Timor-Leste, as requested, in its efforts in the country;

5. Emphasizes the importance of taking all measures necessary to ensure the credibility and integrity of the PNTL, including resolving any outstanding disciplinary and criminal charges faced by PNTL officers;

6. Encourages further efforts to complete the resumption of primary policing responsibilities by the PNTL in all districts and units, on the basis of the criteria mutually agreed to by the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT, including through jointly agreed measures to enhance PNTL institutional capacity in the remaining districts and units;

7. Endorses the reconfiguration of the UNMIT police component to take account of the changing nature of its role and function in Timor-Leste and the plan of its drawdown, in accordance with the wishes of the Government of Timor-Leste, conditions on the ground and following the successful completion of 2012 electoral process, as recommended in paragraph 61 of the report of the Secretary-General (S/2011/32);

8. Requests UNMIT to continue to provide interim law enforcement and ensure the maintenance of public security in those districts and units in which the PNTL has yet to resume primary policing responsibilities, and, following PNTL’s resumption of primary policing responsibilities, to provide operational support to the PNTL, within its current mandate, as mutually agreed between the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT;

9. Requests UNMIT to support the further institutional development and capacity-building of the PNTL following its resumption of primary policing responsibilities in all districts and units, including through the prompt deployment of the 19 additional civilian experts within its police component as referred to in the Secretary-General’s report, expresses support for the work of the joint PNTL and UNMIT Police working group in developing a plan for further capacity-building support for the PNTL focusing on the five major areas for its further development identified in the PNTL Strategic Development Plan for 2011-12, and emphasizes the significant role to be played in this by other bilateral and multilateral partners and the importance of promoting Timorese leadership;

10. Underscores the need for the concept of operations and rules of engagement to be regularly updated as necessary and to be fully in line with the provisions of this resolution;

11. Reaffirms the importance of ongoing efforts to achieve accountability and justice, expresses its support for the work of UNMIT in assisting the Government of Timor-Leste in this regard within its mandate, as well as for the initiatives to strengthen the Office of the Provedor for Human Rights and Justice, and underlines the importance of the implementation by the Government of Timor-Leste of the recommendations of the United Nations Special Commission of Inquiry report of 2006 (S/2006/822), including paragraphs 225 through 228 of the report;

12. Underlines the importance of a coordinated approach to the justice sector reform, taking into account the recommendations of the Independent Comprehensive Needs Assessment and through implementation of the Timorese Government’s Justice Sector Strategic Plan, and the ongoing need to increase
Timorese ownership and strengthen national capacity in judicial line functions, including the training and specialization of national lawyers and judges, and emphasizes the need for sustained support of the international community in capacity-building and strengthening of institutions in this sector, building on the recent positive developments, including the drafting and enactment of important legislation, such as the Criminal Code and the Law Against Domestic Violence;

13. Requests UNMIT to continue its efforts, adjusting them as necessary to enhance the effectiveness of the judiciary, in assisting the Government of Timor-Leste in carrying out the proceedings recommended by the Commission of Inquiry;

14. Calls upon UNMIT to continue to support the Government of Timor-Leste in its efforts to coordinate donor cooperation in areas of institutional capacity building;

15. Recognizes the importance of the development plans devised by the Government of Timor-Leste, especially the attention paid to infrastructure, rural development and human resources capacity development, and in this regard, calls upon UNMIT to continue to cooperate and coordinate with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, as well as all relevant partners, to support the Government of Timor-Leste and relevant institutions in designing poverty reduction, improving education, promotion of sustainable livelihood and economic growth policies;

16. Encourages the Government of Timor-Leste to strengthen peacebuilding perspectives in such areas as employment and empowerment, especially focusing on rural areas and youth, as well as local socio-economic development in particular in the agricultural sector;


18. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to ensure full compliance by UNMIT with the United Nations zero tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and to keep the Council informed, and urges those countries contributing troops and police to take appropriate preventive action and to ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel;

19. Requests also the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council regularly informed of the developments on the ground and to submit to the Security Council, no later than 15 October 2011 and 26 January 2012, reports that include an update regarding the High Level Committee on Transition and progress concerning the critical tasks that will need to be accomplished post-election, and on planning concerning the United Nations presence in Timor-Leste beyond 2012 elections;

20. Reaffirms the importance of the medium-term strategy and benchmarks for measuring and tracking progress in Timor-Leste, and assessing the level and form of United Nations support and cooperation with the Government of Timor-Leste while keeping the benchmarks under active review, and underlines the
importance of ownership of the strategy by the leaders and people of Timor-Leste in this process;

21. **Encourages** the Government of Timor-Leste, UNMIT, United Nations Country Team and other relevant stakeholders, including within the framework of the High Level Committee on Transition, to continue to intensify the ongoing discussion on the strategy and modalities for the transition and preparation for future changes to the nature and scope of United Nations presence on the ground post-UNMIT;

   22. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.
Resolution 2037 (2012)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 6721st meeting, on 23 February 2012

The Security Council,


Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General of 18 January 2012 (S/2012/43),

Reaffirming its full commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Timor-Leste and the promotion of long-term stability in the country,

Taking note of general stability through further improvements in the political and security situation, and welcoming the strong commitment of the leadership and other stakeholders in Timor-Leste to fostering national dialogue and peaceful and inclusive participation in democratic processes, and their ongoing efforts to promote continued peace, stability and unity,

Stressing the importance for Timor-Leste’s long-term stability of ensuring a peaceful, credible and transparent electoral process in 2012, and encouraged by the steady progress made in the preparation of the presidential and parliamentary elections, notably by political leaders’ commitment to peace and stability during the electoral process, and by the ongoing efforts by the electoral management bodies to increase women and youth participation in the electoral process,

Noting with appreciation the work of the High-Level Committee on Transition, welcoming the Joint Transition Plan of 19 September 2011 signed between the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT, and looking forward to its effective implementation,

Reaffirming the need for respect for the independence of the judiciary, stressing the need to act against impunity, while noting the continuing serious resource constraints of the judicial system and the Government’s efforts to address these challenges, encouraging the leadership of Timor-Leste to continue to increase its efforts to establish accountability for serious criminal offences including those...
committed during the 2006 crisis, as recommended by the Independent Special Commission of Inquiry,

Encouraging further progress in finalizing the draft laws on reparations and on the establishment of follow-on institutions to the Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation and the Commission of Truth and Friendship, pursuant to the resolution of the Parliament of Timor-Leste adopted on 14 December 2009,

Welcoming the further progress made in strengthening capacities in the justice and corrections sectors, which has resulted in enhanced access to justice, reductions in pending criminal prosecution cases, and improved prison infrastructure,

Recognizing the steps taken by the Government of Timor-Leste to further strengthen the institutional capacities and effectiveness of the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Civil Service Commission and to consolidate broad support for anti-corruption measures, welcoming the approval of the Law on Preventing and Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism and emphasizing the importance of effective laws, institutions, mechanisms and norms relating to the transparency, accountability and efficiency of Public Administration for the country’s long-term stability and development, and encouraging in this regard implementation of the law establishing the Audit Chamber of the High Administrative, Tax and Audit Court,

Welcoming the full resumption of primary policing responsibilities by the Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste (PNTL), the ongoing implementation of the PNTL-UNMIT Police Joint Development Plan and the continued focus by the PNTL on operational capacity, with technical advice from UNMIT police, in preparation of the coming electoral process and final certification of the PNTL’s reconstitution, and noting the continuing need for support to the PNTL’s further institutional development and capacity-building,

Expressing its full support for the role of the international security forces in assisting the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT, in the maintenance of law and stability, in response to the requests of the Government of Timor-Leste,

Welcoming the enhancement of the capability of the Falintil-Forças de Defesa de Timor-Leste (F-FDTL), including the deployment of personnel in United Nations peacekeeping Missions such as UNIFIL and UNMISS,

Welcoming the progress of the Government of Timor-Leste in achieving strong economic growth and socio-economic development, including reductions in the percentage of the population living in poverty and the improvement of human development indicators, while acknowledging the challenges that remain in achieving inclusive and sustainable growth, particularly through the promotion of rural development, the private sector, and employment generation, especially for the youth, and by regulating land and property titles and ownership,

Further welcoming the adoption by the Government of Timor-Leste of the National Strategic Development Plan covering the period from 2011 to 2030,

Recalling that, while Timor-Leste has progressed in many aspects of its political, economic and social development, as well as in human resources development and institution-building, the country still faces many challenges and needs continued assistance of bilateral and multilateral partners in order to fully realize its potential for equitable and inclusive sustainable growth,
Acknowledging the contribution that Timor-Leste has made in demonstrating the critical importance of institution-building and aid effectiveness in post conflict peacebuilding, including through its work in the g7+,

Welcoming also the commitment and action of the Government of Timor-Leste to promote the objectives of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), including measures taken to protect women and girls from gender based violence, especially those related to the implementation of the Law Against Domestic Violence, and the work of the PNTL Vulnerable Persons Units, as well as the Government’s commitment to women’s participation in the political sphere in the upcoming elections and other measures relating to the situation of women and girls,

Welcoming the positive engagement and constructive response by the Government of Timor-Leste following the review of its National Report through the Human Rights Council’s Universal Periodic Review mechanism,

Recognizing the important contribution of UNMIT in promoting peace, stability and development in Timor-Leste, and expressing its appreciation for the efforts of UNMIT and the United Nations Country Team, under the leadership of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG),

1. Decides to extend the mandate of UNMIT until 31 December 2012 at the current authorized levels and endorses the plan of its phased drawdown, in accordance with the wishes of the Government of Timor-Leste, conditions on the ground and following the successful completion of the 2012 electoral process, as recommended in paragraph 65 of the report of the Secretary-General (S/2012/43) and as reflected in the Joint Transition Plan;

2. Urges all parties in Timor-Leste, in particular political leaders, to continue to work together and engage in political dialogue and to consolidate peace, democracy, rule of law, sustainable social and economic development, promotion of protection of human rights and advancement of national reconciliation in the country, and reaffirms its full support for the continued efforts of the SRSG in promoting a culture of democratic governance, through an inclusive and collaborative processes;

3. Requests UNMIT to continue to extend the necessary support, within its current mandate, for the preparation and implementation of the presidential and parliamentary elections, as requested by the Government of Timor-Leste, and calls upon the international community to provide assistance in this process including through sending election observers and volunteers as requested by the Government of Timor-Leste;

4. Reaffirms the importance that the Government of Timor-Leste continues the review and reform of the security sector in Timor-Leste, in particular the need to delineate between the roles and responsibilities of the F-FDTL and the PNTL, to strengthen legal frameworks, and to enhance civilian oversight and accountability mechanisms of both security institutions, supports the efforts of the SRSG to promote Security Sector professionalization and requests UNMIT to continue to support the Government of Timor-Leste, as requested, in its efforts in the country;

5. Emphasizes the importance of taking all measures necessary to ensure the credibility and integrity of the PNTL, and notes the Government’s efforts towards resolving the outstanding disciplinary and criminal charges faced by PNTL officers;
6. Encourages efforts towards the full reconstitution of the PNTL pursuant to the exchange of letters between the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT, including through jointly agreed measures to enhance PNTL institutional capacity;

7. Requests UNMIT to provide operational support to the PNTL, in particular for the electoral process, within its current mandate, as mutually agreed between the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT;

8. Requests UNMIT to support the further institutional development and capacity-building of the PNTL pursuant to the PNTL-UNMIT Police Joint Development Plan, appeals to all countries concerned to approve requests for the extension of deployment of police officers serving in key UNMIT positions, and emphasizes the significant role to be played in this by other bilateral and multilateral partners and the importance of promoting Timorese leadership;

9. Underscores the need for the concept of operations and rules of engagement to be regularly updated as necessary and to be fully in line with the provisions of this resolution;

10. Reaffirms the importance of ongoing efforts to achieve accountability and justice, expresses its support for the work of UNMIT in assisting the Government of Timor-Leste in this regard within its mandate, as well as for the initiatives to strengthen the Office of the Provedor for Human Rights and Justice, and underlines the importance of the implementation by the Government of Timor-Leste of the recommendations of the United Nations Special Commission of Inquiry report of 2006 (S/2006/822), including paragraphs 225 through 228 of the report;

11. Underlines the importance of a coordinated approach to the justice sector reform, taking into account the recommendations of the Independent Comprehensive Needs Assessment and through implementation of the Timorese Government’s Justice Sector Strategic Plan, and the ongoing need to increase Timorese ownership and strengthen national capacity in judicial line functions, including the training and specialization of national lawyers and judges, and emphasizes the need for sustained support of the international community in capacity-building and strengthening of institutions in this sector;

12. Requests UNMIT to continue its efforts, adjusting them as necessary to enhance the effectiveness of the judiciary, in assisting the Government of Timor-Leste in carrying out the proceedings recommended by the Commission of Inquiry;

13. Calls upon UNMIT to continue to support the Government of Timor-Leste in its efforts to coordinate donor cooperation in areas of institutional capacity-building;

14. Recognizes the importance of the development plans devised by the Government of Timor-Leste, particularly the National Strategic Development Plan, especially the attention paid to infrastructure, rural development and human resources capacity development, and in this regard, welcomes the Dili Development Pact agreed between the Government of Timor-Leste and the donor community in July 2011 and calls upon UNMIT to continue to cooperate and coordinate with the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, as well as all relevant partners, to support the Government of Timor-Leste and relevant institutions in designing poverty reduction, improving education, promotion of sustainable livelihood and economic growth policies;
15. **Encourages** further efforts towards the effective implementation, of the Joint Transition Plan, including through engagement between UNMIT, the Government of Timor-Leste and bilateral and multilateral partners regarding the transfer of functions currently provided by UNMIT which will be needed after the Mission’s withdrawal;

16. **Encourages** the Government of Timor-Leste to continue to strengthen peacebuilding perspectives in such areas as employment and empowerment, especially focusing on rural areas, women and youth, as well as local socio-economic development in particular in the agricultural sector;


18. **Requests** the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to ensure full compliance by UNMIT with the United Nations zero tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse and to keep the Council informed, and **urges** those countries contributing troops and police to take appropriate preventive action and to ensure full accountability in cases of such conduct involving their personnel;

19. **Reaffirms** the importance of the medium-term strategy and benchmarks for measuring and tracking progress in Timor-Leste, and assessing the level and form of United Nations support and cooperation with the Government of Timor-Leste while keeping the benchmarks under active review, and **underlines** the importance of ownership of the strategy by the leaders and people of Timor-Leste in this process;

20. **Requests also** the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council regularly informed of the developments on the ground and to submit to the Security Council, within 60 days after the formation of the new Government and at the latest 15 October 2012, a report assessing the security and political situation, and providing recommendations on the completion of UNMIT’s Mission and the transfer of responsibilities in order to enable the Government of Timor-Leste and UNMIT to finalize preparations for UNMIT’s withdrawal consistent with the situation on the ground and on the views of the Government of Timor-Leste concerning the post-UNMIT United Nations role in Timor-Leste;

21. **Encourages** a timely decision by the Government of Timor-Leste on the nature, activities and scope of the United Nations role post-UNMIT in coordination with UNMIT, the United Nations Country Team and other relevant stakeholders;

22. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.
Secretary-General: Message on the Parliamentary Election in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

Dear citizens of Timor-Leste,

On 7 July, you will once again have the opportunity to exercise your democratic right, as you choose your country’s new leaders in parliamentary elections.

I am very encouraged that the Presidential election was conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner.

As your country starts the election campaign for the next parliament, I call on all citizens to ensure that the election is credible, transparent and peaceful.

I urge the political parties to demonstrate a sense of responsibility, and to honour their commitment to peace, democracy and national unity.

On behalf of the United Nations, I wish the people of Timor-Leste all the best for the election.

You have our full support as you continue to build a peaceful and prosperous future.

Viva Timor-Leste!
Secretary-General’s Address to National Parliament of Timor-Leste

“Boa tarde, hau haksolok mai iha Dili”
[Tetun for: Good afternoon, I am happy to be here in Dili.]

Thank you for this profound honour.

This is my second visit to Timor-Leste as United Nations Secretary-General – and my second opportunity to address this Parliament.

I was here last time in 2007. Five years later, I return to the same chamber but to a new Timor-Leste.

Today, Dili is a much more vibrant and safe. The national economy is growing. Private businesses are opening. Development is on the rise. Your country’s institutions are ever stronger.

You are reforming ministries … the civil service … the judiciary. Timorese security forces have shown growing professionalism in maintaining public security.

And, of course, this year’s presidential and parliamentary elections were a great success. Your national institutions have shown increasing ability to undertake future elections without international support. And for the first time ever, the national police were solely responsible for security during the electoral period.

I commend the Timorese people for going to the polls in a peaceful and orderly manner – and I am greatly encouraged that the election results were accepted by all, leading to the formation of a new Government and the inauguration of this new Parliament.

All of this progress reflects Timor-Leste’s strong commitment to democratic governance, the rule of law and building a secure and stable future.

Above all, the credit belongs to you – the leaders and people of Timor-Leste.

I wanted to come to this house of the people to salute your achievements since the Restoration of Independence ten years ago – and your tenth anniversary as a member of the United Nations.

But in many ways, the cultural work begins now – and it starts right here in this chamber. And it starts with you.

As elected parliamentarians, you have been bestowed with a solemn trust.

You have a great responsibility to debate issues … to listen to opposing views … to reconcile differing views … and to reflect the will and concerns of all Timorese.

They expect you to work together to achieve common goals and to build a better society for all the people of Timor-Leste.

They demand accountable and transparent institutions that continue to root out corruption and work for the common good.

Together, you are identifying common challenges:

These include providing hope and opportunity for young people … and taking care of the elderly and disadvantaged groups.

You must make the best use of available natural resources … and continue reforms in the justice and security sectors.

And you are striving to strengthen your regional links through your important efforts to join ASEAN. I urge you to keep the focus on these overarching goals in a spirit of cooperation.

The United Nations will continue to partner with you as you forge a new future.

And as we look together to some of the big challenges of our era, I believe Timor-Leste has much to share with the world.

Let me point to three areas:

First, advancing development.

The events and experiences of the past several years have convinced me that we need to rethink our approach to development. Growth is not enough. We need inclusive growth that reduces inequalities – growth that integrates the economic, social and environmental instead of growth that pits these goals against each other.

That is why we have made sustainable development the leading priority of the United Nations.

The 2015 deadline to achieve the Millennium Development Goals is fast approaching – and the UN is committed to helping countries make as much progress as possible in the next three years.

At the same time, we must start defining a development framework that looks beyond 2015. The voice and experience of Timor-Leste is vital. And I was pleased that your Finance Minister, Ms Emilia Pires, accepted my invitation to serve on my global high-level panel of eminent persons for the post-2015 development agenda.

Second, you have much to contribute in promoting peace and security.

Timor-Leste is moving from a recipient of United Nations peacekeeping to an active contributor. Your brave forces are serving from South Sudan to the Middle East. I also want to thank Timor-Leste for its leadership of the G7+ providing a platform to highlight the special needs of fragile and conflict-affected countries around the world – which is so critical to consolidating peace.

Third, empowering women and young people. We must do more to open doors of opportunity for women and young people. You are showing the way.

I pay tribute to this Parliament for ensuring that at least one-third of the parliamentarians is women. And Timorese women now make up almost 20 per cent of the country's police service.

Of course, one of the best ways to empower a young, dynamic democracy is by empowering its young, dynamic citizens.

Tomorrow, I will address university students and highlight education as a building block of every society. Education lies at the heart of economic development.

Better education means more productivity and less poverty … more economic activity and less unemployment.

Better education means better health care, and less malnutrition, less maternal health problems, less exposure to disease.

In short, education powers decent jobs, opportunities and hope for a nation.
That is why I am now here, traveling together with Director-General of UNESCO Madam Irena Bokova and Special Envoy of the United Nations for Global Education Mr Gordon Brown a former Prime Minister of United Kingdom.

I'm sure that with my political leadership, and their political leadership, we can mobilize necessary political awareness and necessary resources. And I am pleased to inform you that we have taken Timor-Leste as our first country to raise this education issue as our number one priority.

Distinguished Members of Parliament, Ladies and Gentlemen,

There is no limit to Timor-Leste’s future if you continue to show a strong commitment to democratic values, meaningful participation, peace and stability.

It is in this positive atmosphere that the United Nations is preparing for the withdrawal of UNMIT at the end of the year.

We have consulted with a wide range of Timorese partners on a new form of engagement in Timor-Leste in view of UNMIT’s anticipated departure.

The United Nations itself has gained so much from our relationship with Timor-Leste through the years.

As the UN now reduces its footprint in the country, you are continuing to set a global example of how to successfully emerge from conflict to lasting peace.

As we shape our new relationship, Timor-Leste can count on the United Nations’ steady support as you lead the way forward.

You have begun an important journey that will shape Timor-Leste for generations to come.

It will take time and patience and hard work.

The process is not a sprint. It is a marathon.

But Timor-Leste knows a thing or two about the marathon.

I was there as your marathon runners – Augusto Ramos Soares and Juventina Napoleao – entered the stadium, proudly representing Timor-Leste on the global stage.

The world saw more than two Olympic runners, we saw the Timorese spirit of independence, dedication, perseverance on full display.

I see in them what I now feel in this country – a determination to have big dreams ... a promise to keep striving to reach your goals ... and a commitment to share your strengths with the world.

The people of Timor-Leste are on the right track for prosperity, security and stability for all.

And like all good marathon runners, I know you will reach the finish line successfully.

Thank you, Obrigado.
Bondia. Hau haksolok mai iha Dili. (Good morning, I am happy to be in Dili.)

I am very pleased to be here. It is a great honour for me personally, and as Secretary-General of the United Nations, to meet the very promising future leaders of Timor-Leste. I am also very much pleased to travel with the Director-General of UNESCO, Madam Irina Bokova, who is the highest responsible person in the United Nations system on education. I am also very pleased that one of the global leaders, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Honourable Gordon Brown, has agreed to serve as a Special Envoy of the United Nations for Global Education. These are very important political forces and supporters for Global Education First.

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear students,

I have had a very rich and inspiring visit to Timor-Leste. This has been a very brief visit. As you know, I was here five years ago, almost five years ago, December 2007; during my first year, first term. Now this is my first year of my second term as Secretary-General. But much earlier (in that year) than the first time.

From Dili to Liquica...from the police academy to parliament...from the presidential palace to the resistance museum...

In all these places, I have seen the great dynamism the Timorese people are bringing to the job of nation-building.

State-building, nation-building, is very difficult, it takes time. Just to generalise, in 10 years since the restoration of independence, 2002, you have made remarkable progress. When I was here five years ago, there was a visible uncertainty; political instability, social instability. But now, there is political stability, and economic development – remarkable economic development – signs of hope in the air, and a very vibrant society.

I have seen your great success.

Now, almost five years (later), you have put that uncertainty behind you. In its place, I see a sense of purpose and remarkable achievements. You have come a long way.

Timor-Leste celebrated this year the 10th anniversary of the Restoration of Independence.

I congratulate sincerely all Timorese on this very important milestone.

You also mark the 10th anniversary since joining the United Nations– a period in Timor-Leste has made its mark across the pillars of our work, peacekeeping, development and human rights.

You may be a small nation; but Timor-Leste has a growing profile in the international arena.

This University has a central role in those achievements.

The National University of Timor-Leste bears witness to the history of this country.

Some of its chapters are tragic. Many university buildings were razed during the horrendous violence of 1999. Departments were looted. Students had to flee to the countryside.

Yet this University continued to carry the flame of hope, as it always has.

The hope for a country at peace. The hope for a better world.

Today, Timor-Leste is looking to the future, towards this better world.

You have held successful presidential and parliamentary elections this year. The United Nations Integrated Mission will wind down in December.

A new era is opening – an era for national development, national ownership and for strengthening the resilience of your society.

The horizon is filled with great promise. Much has been achieved in ten years. But hard work remains ahead. This is true for all countries today -- in a world changing quickly, a world under pressure.

And we know where this work can and must start: in classrooms and in the hallways of universities such as this. The work starts (with) you; the work starts now. I know this from my personal experience.

As a small, young boy in Korea during and after the Korean War, all I had for a classroom was the tree we gathered around - just to avoid the direct sun. We had no chalkboards or textbooks. I know education deprivation firsthand. I know what education meant.

I also know the power of education to transform.

What my country Korea, may have lacked in education supplies, we more than made up for with our strong yearning to learn. I sense some of the same here in Timor-Leste.

I am coming [just now] from Caisset basic education centre, I met many young pupils, without much educational materials; but they looked very happy. They were studying, and working, and expressing their future: I want to be a doctor, I want to be a journalist, I want to be a scientist. These are good dreams for young students. I couldn't have those kinds of dreams as a young boy.

You know, and I know, that education has the power to strengthen the capacities of every woman and man, to allow them to dream the world anew and shape it in this direction.

It has the power to build healthy, inclusive societies, and to fight the scourges of disease and discrimination.

It is at the heart of nation-building – a force for dignity, sustainability and equity, especially gender equality.

This is why I have made education a top priority of my second term as Secretary-General. Education is a foundation for the future we want.
A world without poverty, violence, hunger, discrimination or disease. A world (where) we can say with confidence that our children will lead better lives than we did.

This cannot be taken for granted. Crafting this future requires new efforts.

Please don't take what you enjoy now for granted. It is not to be taken for granted. You have to work, you have to build, for what you are enjoying now.

That is why, next month, when world leaders gather at the United Nations for the annual general, I will launch Education First – a new global initiative to promote quality, relevant and inclusive education.

I am pleased that this is my first public opportunity to speak about this effort. We decided to start from Timor-Leste.

The rationale is clear: the world is not on track to meet the goals we set to provide quality education for all. Even more worryingly, progress is slowing down and the great advances we made since 2000 are at risk of being reversed.

In 2010, there were still 61 million children out of primary school, and 10 million more out of secondary school. Many are caught in countries affected by conflict.

Less than 40 percent of countries provide girls and boys with equal access to education.

There are 775 million illiterate adults – two thirds of whom are women.

And too many young men and women finish their formal schooling with skills that are not relevant either for work or their own personal fulfillment.

We need today a bold new push for education.

We must build on the progress that has been achieved in school enrolment as part of our work to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

We must widen access to all boys and girls, improve the quality of learning, and strengthen values-based education.

These are the three priority areas of Education First.

Let me state them, one by one:

Number one, to put every child in school.

We must ensure that every child – whatever their gender, background, ethnicity, mother tongue or place they live – has equal access to learning.

This must start as early as possible, and be taken through primary and secondary education. No society can afford to leave any boy and girl behind, or let them drop out.

Investing in educational equity brings tremendous benefits. For each extra year of schooling you give a girl, you increase her future wages by up to 20 percent – wages which she is more than likely to return to her family and community.

This is the virtuous circle we seek.

Second, we must improve the quality of education.

Access is not enough. The quality of education remains desperately low in many parts of the world. With too many students still lacking basic reading, writing and numeracy skills. There is also a widening gap between the competencies needed in the labour market and those acquired through education systems. Education for all means little, if it is not relevant.

There is a widening gap between the competencies needed in the labour market and those acquired through education systems.

We must bridge this gap through more and better teachers, enhanced training and by harnessing the power of information and communication technologies.

Let us not forget that education is about values.

Number three, this is the third goal of Education First: to foster global citizenship.

Education must foster respect for human rights.

In societies that are increasingly diverse, education can help us better live together by promoting mutual understanding, tolerance and respect for others.

It is also a pathway towards living in harmony with our environment. The answers to climate change cannot only be economic or scientific; they lie as well in the realms of attitudes and behaviours, and making informed choices based on education.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Equity, quality and citizenship matter for every country today.

Here in Timor-Leste, I am pleased to note that school fees have been abolished over the past ten years.

New educational institutions have been built.

Primary school enrolment has increased 24 per cent over the past eight years, a figure that Timor-Leste should be proud of.

However, key challenges remain. Too many children are out of school. A third of all adults are illiterate. And only half of the teachers have proper qualifications.

This situation is compounded by a shortage of classrooms and teaching materials.

I am therefore very encouraged that the Government of Timor-Leste has made education a priority and developed a comprehensive strategy for the next 20 years to strengthen basic education, promote gender equality and tackle adult illiteracy.

I am very encouraged that President Ruak has promised as his number one priority, Education in this country.

In your successful move from conflict to stabilization, you have recognized that education holds the keys to future prosperity and well-being.

What holds true for education in Timor-Leste holds true for every country.

Education First will do its utmost to ensure that education is at the heart of the global social, political and development agendas.
At this time of austerity and fiscal constraint, we will strive to protect education budgets from unwise cuts. The entire UN system is determined to work together to advance the goals I have set out for you today.

Statistics tells us why education is so important. Incomes rise. Productivity increases. Health improves. The list of quantifiable benefits is very long.

But I also take my cue from people -- their basic hopes and aspirations.

Wherever I travel, I ask men and women what the United Nations can do for them.

The answer is always the same. Education.

In refugee camps, people tell me: get my children back in school. This is the first thing they ask for; education first.

In countries hit by earthquakes and other disasters, people insist: don't worry about us, don't worry about me; re-build the schools so my girl can learn.

We all know the reasons. Education saves lives. Education carries hope. Education builds dignity. Education is growth.

In our knowledge-based economies, education is the single best investment nations can make to build prosperous, healthy and equitable societies.

These are the stakes. We must meet them. Together, I am convinced, we can.

A new global movement for education must start today. As I look around this auditorium, I can see it already has.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Timor-Leste is on a promising trajectory. Its people are capable and determined. Its younger generations are increasingly making their mark, including in the new government.

The United Nations has stood with you in your struggle. We ourselves have been enriched by the experience. And we will continue to support you on your chosen path.

Viva Timor-Leste! Thank you.
Letter dated 2 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Timor-Leste to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 20 September 2012 addressed to you from Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. The original letter was forwarded through the Office of the Acting Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Timor-Leste and head of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste, for onward transmission.

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sofia Borges
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
Annex to the letter dated 2 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Timor-Leste to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In its resolution 2037 (2012), dated 23 February 2012, the Security Council requested you to present a report to it within 60 days following formation of the new Government.

The report should include a review of the political and security situation recommendations on the completion of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) and the respective handover of responsibility to the Timorese.

The Government of Timor-Leste, in consultation with UNMIT and with other relevant stakeholders, is responsible for making decisions on the nature, activities and role of the United Nations after the withdrawal of UNMIT.

We would like to begin by expressing our appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the United Nations for the commitment, solidarity and support it has given to Timor-Leste from the time of the popular consultation in 1999 up until today.

Only with the contribution of the several United Nations missions in Timor-Leste were we able to establish the foundations for our national development, which began with the creation of the administration of our newly independent country.

Our circumstances as a young and post-conflict country, facing the challenges that you understand so well, justified the establishment of several different United Nations missions, both to assist the State-building process and to ensure national peace and stability.

In that context, we must also highlight the role played by UNMIT in the restoration of internal security and in providing support to the Timorese State to consolidate democracy, improve political dialogue and develop measures to promote tolerance.

For that very reason, the initial mandate of UNMIT was extended by the Security Council until December 2012, taking into account the scheduled presidential and parliamentary elections of this year.

In order to prepare for the withdrawal of UNMIT, a high-level committee was created in February 2011, consisting of representatives of the State of Timor-Leste and UNMIT, to draft a joint transition plan to implement and monitor the finalization of UNMIT activities, including the handover process.

We are deeply satisfied to conclude that the assumptions underpinning the drafting of the joint transition plan, which was approved by both parties on 19 September 2011, have been successfully met. That is:

- Stability has prevailed
- General elections have been held in accordance with international standards
- The Government has been formed based on the outcome of the elections
- Political opposition has had space to operate in accordance with democratic principles
Furthermore, significant progress has been made in the primary areas identified in the UNMIT transitional process, leading us to believe that the overall political and social environment in Timor-Leste is stable and that we are now in a position to assume leadership of the national development process, including consolidation of the building of our democratic State in accordance with the rule of law and the implementation of our Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030.

UNMIT performed its activities in the areas mentioned below.

**Police and security**

The five key areas of support to the National Police Force of Timor-Leste, namely, in institutional capacity-building, establishing a legal and regulatory framework, management, discipline and accountability, and operational support, have been successfully addressed, and have resulted in the national police now operating as a more professional and capable institution. This progress enabled the handover of full responsibility from the United Nations police to the national police across every district on 27 March 2011. To date, there has been no record of any security disturbance in any part of the country.

With regard to the security sector, the three areas of support, namely, in establishing policies, plans and a legal framework, rules and regulations, and supervision and training, have also been successfully addressed. The defence and security reforms, which received considerable support from UNMIT, are being implemented successfully and with effective and measurable outcomes, including through the implementation of strategic plans in each sector and the creation of new bodies and agencies that contribute to institutional strengthening.

**Rule of law, justice and human rights**

The contribution of UNMIT was also important in this area, as it established technical assistance programmes that made a significant contribution to the operation of the public prosecutor, the courts and other interested agencies by providing specialized training. As a result, the performance of our justice institutions improved considerably.

The support provided by UNMIT to the Timorese, in specialized areas such as domestic violence, youth justice and gender issues, has raised the awareness of the entire population. Legislation and legal concepts have been socialized by way of information campaigns promoted by UNMIT that achieved satisfactory results all round.

The ombudsman for Human Rights and Justice and the National Committee for Children and Civil Society were the main beneficiaries of this valuable support.

In addition, UNMIT dedicated significant time to facilitating discussion forums on justice with civil society, including work undertaken by the group established to pursue the national priority for justice. This, together with the ongoing monitoring and reporting of the human rights situation in our country, particularly in relation to vulnerable groups, has had a positive impact on the Timorese justice sector.
Democratic governance

UNMIT performed a particularly important role in this vital area of State-building.

We would like to highlight the significant support provided in the two recent elections as well as in the elections held two years ago to select community leaders. This support included technical advice, voter education, logistical support and campaigns encouraging political participation by women. UNMIT worked to consolidate and build the capacity of the relevant agencies, enabling them to acquire invaluable experience and operate independently in the future.

In order to build the capacity of the Timorese State with regard to accountability, transparency and the fight against corruption, UNMIT provided outstanding technical assistance to the Anti-Corruption Commission which, as a result, is in a better position to perform the mandate given to it by the Timorese State. UNMIT also supported the establishment of the Chamber of Accounts as well as professional associations for accountants and engineers, which will play a central role in the building of the State. Civil society also benefited in a significant way from the capacity-building provided by UNMIT and, importantly, now has a capability to monitor State budget expenditure. Civil society is currently performing its duty with competence and professionalism.

UNMIT has assisted in the creation of the Consultative Council for Civil Society, demonstrating the broad scope of activity of the Mission. UNMIT has also assisted in the establishment of a coordination mechanism between the Government and civil society with regard to civic education that has been performing well.

Furthermore, UNMIT has held democratic governance forums at both the national and district levels. UNMIT has also provided valuable support to civil society organizations and to local political leaders and staff, enabling them to take on more responsibilities, including improved data collection and the drafting of reports on the activities of State agencies.

Social and economic development

UNMIT, having received an extensive mandate, also supported sustainable development through reviews and high-quality advice, which enabled us to better undertake tasks in this area.

UNMIT assisted the Millennium Development Goals secretariat and provided support to the National Priorities Programme of the Government enabling it to implement the Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030.

You had the opportunity to witness this programme for yourself during your visit to Timor-Leste in August. We believe that the progress made in areas such as education, health, economic development, culture, institutional capacity-building, improved financial management and public administration, as well as accountability and anti-corruption measures, gives a strong indication of the consolidation of our nation.

In addition, UNMIT provided technical assistance on planning, gender issues and equal opportunity, private sector development, macroeconomic policy and other areas, which has contributed to the improvement of our planning process as
reflected in the Government Programme, which is in line with the Strategic
Development Plan 2011-2030.

Furthermore, the defence and security sector reforms illustrate that, over the
past 10 years, we have been learning from the errors of the past. We are now
focusing our will, our determination and our enthusiasm, as a people, on building a
peaceful, tolerant and developed nation.

Given the reasons set out above, and as a result of the broad consultation
conducted by the President of the Republic with the opposition, the National
Parliament, the church and civil society, I reiterate the position of Timor-Leste
conveyed to you during your recent visit.

We believe that Timor-Leste no longer requires United Nations support
through the presence of a United Nations mission, either peacekeeping or political,
beyond the end of 2012. Consequently, it is our view that there is also no
requirement for the continued consideration of Timor-Leste affairs by the Security
Council.

However, the United Nations will continue to be an important partner in the
new phase of the development of our nation. Timor-Leste, in accordance with the
progress we have achieved, and consistent with the principles of the Group of Seven
Plus New Deal that received your full endorsement, would like to establish with the
United Nations an innovative working relationship of cooperation. An example of
such an approach could be a two-year appointment of a special envoy of the
Secretary-General with a focus on institutional strengthening and development that
could provide a direct link between Timor-Leste and your good office.

The new Government has also formed a working group to start discussions
with the United Nations on matters identified in the Joint Transition Plan post-2012.
The National Planning Matrix, a critical tool for the Government, will be used to
evaluate those activities and will be the primary tool utilized when designing post-
2012 programmes as an integrated part of the nation’s budget process. This will
ensure a more coordinated, harmonized and strengthened development programme
of activities, with the aim of achieving the Millennium Development Goals through
the implementation of the five-year Programme of the Government and the Timor-
Leste Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030.

Lastly, allow me to express once again our appreciation for the efforts
undertaken by the United Nations to contribute to sustainable peace and
development in our nation.

(Signed) Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão
Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
TEN RULES
CODE OF PERSONAL CONDUCT
FOR BLUE HELMETS

1. Dress, think, talk, act and behave in a manner befitting the dignity of a disciplined, caring, considerate, mature, respected and trusted soldier, displaying the highest integrity and impartiality. Have pride in your position as a peace-keeper and do not abuse or misuse your authority.

2. Respect the law of the land of the host country, their local culture, traditions, customs and practices.

3. Treat the inhabitants of the host country with respect, courtesy and consideration. You are there as a guest to help them and in so doing will be welcomed with admiration. Neither solicit or accept any material reward, honor or gift.

4. Do not indulge in immoral acts of sexual, physical or psychological abuse or exploitation of the local population or United Nations staff, especially women and children.
Respect and regard the human rights of all. Support and aid the infirm, sick and weak. Do not act in revenge or with malice, in particular when dealing with prisoners, detainees or people in your custody.

Properly care for and account for all United Nations money, vehicles, equipment and property assigned to you and do not trade or barter with them to seek personal benefits.

Show military courtesy and pay appropriate compliments to all members of the mission, including other United Nations contingents regardless of their creed, gender, rank or origin.

Show respect for and promote the environment, including the flora and fauna, of the host country.

Do not engage in excessive consumption of alcohol or traffic in drugs.

Exercise the utmost discretion in handling confidential information and matters of official business which can put lives into danger or soil the image of the United Nations.
Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 6892nd meeting of the Security Council, held on 19 December 2012, in connection with the Council’s consideration of the item entitled “The situation in Timor-Leste”, the President of the Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

“As the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) completes its mandate on 31 December 2012, the Security Council commends the remarkable achievements made by Timor-Leste over the past decade as well as its contribution to important regional and global initiatives.

“The Security Council welcomes the considerable progress that has been made by Timor-Leste in strengthening institutional and human resources capacities of State institutions, including in the security, justice and governance sectors which play crucial roles in safeguarding stability and promoting democracy.

“The Security Council also welcomes the successful presidential and parliamentary elections conducted in 2012 which have helped to consolidate Timor-Leste’s democratic institutions.

“The Security Council recognises the important contribution of UNMIT in promoting peace, stability and development in Timor-Leste, including through its work to strengthen the capacity of the Policia Nacional de Timor-Leste (PNTL). The Security Council expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the Mission and the United Nations Country Team, under the leadership of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General.

“The Security Council applauds the Government and all Timorese for their steadfast collaboration and partnership with UNMIT and the United Nations Country Team since the Mission’s establishment, including during the jointly-owned transition process which reinforced inter alia, the principle of national ownership to the benefit of all and could serve as a model of joint collaboration for other missions.

“The Security Council notes that the Government of Timor-Leste has indicated that the United Nations will continue to be an important partner in the new phase of the development of the nation. The Security Council therefore welcomes the ongoing engagement of the Secretary-General and United Nations Country Team in support of the efforts of the Government of Timor-Leste as it seeks to preserve and consolidate its peacebuilding gains and
in order to promote sustainable development, the rule of law and the strengthening of human rights institutions, as well as tackle other remaining challenges.

“The Security Council underscores the importance of continued support to Timor-Leste as it embarks on the next stage of its development, beyond UNMIT, and notes the willingness of the United Nations and bilateral and multilateral partners to continue, as requested by the Timorese authorities, to play a significant role in this regard.”