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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DILI, EAST TIMOR

Dili, 11 October 2005

Excellency,

With reference to the recent discussions between the representatives of the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on the dispatch of volunteers to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste under the Korea Overseas Volunteers Program (hereinafter referred to as the "Program") authorized by the Korea International Cooperation Agency Law with a view to promoting mutual awareness among the peoples of the two countries, I have the honour to confirm, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea, the following understanding:

- 1. At the request of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the Republic of Korea, the Government of the Republic of Korea shall take the necessary measures to dispatch volunteers to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste for the purpose of contributing to the social and economic development of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, according to the schedules to be separately decided upon between the agencies concerned of the two countries.
- 2. The Government of the Republic of Korea shall, subject to budgetary appropriations, provide the volunteers with the following:

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- a. Cost of international travel between the Republic of Korea and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste;
- b. Monthly living allowance during the period of their assignment; and
- Materials and medical supplies as may be necessary for the performance of their duties.
- 3. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste shall grant the volunteers the following exemptions and benefits:
 - a. Exemption from customs duties, taxes and other governmental charges on all materials and medical supplies introduced into the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in accordance with paragraph 2 above for use in performance of their duties;
 - Exemption from customs duties, taxes and other governmental charges on their personal and household effects introduced into the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste for their own use within six months of their arrival;
 - c. Exemption from income tax and other governmental charges in respect of any remuneration or allowances received by the volunteers in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste from a broad in connection with their activities under the Program;
 - d. Exemption from fees related to visas and immigration;
 - e. Issuance of identification cards to the volunteers to prove the legitimacy of their assignment in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; and
 - f. Provision of an appropriate level of medical care and hospitalization, emergency medical attention and first aid.
- 4. a. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste shall accept a representative and his/her staff and coordinators who shall discharge the duties to be assigned to them by the Korea International Cooperation Agency, related to the activities of the Program in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.
 - b. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste shall grant the representative and his/her staff and coordinators the following exemptions and benefits:
 - (i) Exemption from customs duties, taxes and other governmental charges on

- all the materials and medical supplies introduced into the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste for use in performance of their duties;
- (ii) Exemption from customs duties, taxes and other governmental charges on their personal and household effects introduced into the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste for their own use within six months of their arrival; and
- (iii) Exemption from fees related to visas and immigration.
- 5. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste shall take every possible measure to ensure the personal safety and security of the volunteers, the representative, and his/her staff and coordinators while in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.
- 6. The two Governments shall hold consultations, from time to time, to ensure the successful implementation of the Program in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, I have the honour to propose that this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply indicating acceptance shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of your Excellency's Note in reply. This agreement shall remain in force until terminated by either Government by giving six months' notice in writing through diplomatic channels.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Ambassador Extraordinary and

Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste