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AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE

THIS AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ("Agreement") is between the Government of the United States of America ("Government of the United States") and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste ("Government of Timor-Leste") (collectively, the "Parties" or individually, a "Party").

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to cooperate and to support each other in activities which will contribute to the balanced and integrated economic, political and social development of Timor-Leste.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the rights and responsibilities set forth in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement sets forth the general terms and conditions to be applied to economic, technical and related assistance projects or programs undertaken by the Parties in Timor-Leste.
2. The Parties may subsequently enter into subsidiary project or program agreements for the implementation of such assistance, the terms of which shall be agreed upon between the representatives of the appropriate ministry or ministries designated by the Government of Timor-Leste ("Competent Authority for Timor-Leste") and the representatives of the agency designated by the Government of the United States ("Competent Authority for

the United States")(collectively "the Competent Authorities"). Such assistance shall be implemented in a manner agreed upon by the Competent Authorities. The Competent Authority for Timor-Leste, consistent with the laws of the Government of Timor-Leste, will be responsible for facilitating the issuance of visas and customs clearance for expatriate personnel, their household effects, and program or project supplies and materials necessary or appropriate for the implementation of such assistance.

ARTICLE 2

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The Government of the United States shall furnish, subject to applicable laws and regulations, such assistance as may be mutually agreed upon by the Competent Authorities.

ARTICLE 3

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TIMOR-LESTE

The Government of Timor-Leste shall take all necessary and appropriate steps to facilitate the proper implementation of this Agreement and subsidiary project and program assistance agreements provided hereunder, including, by way of example and not limitation:

1. Informing the Government of the United States of any laws or regulations that will affect this Agreement or any specific project or program arrangements hereunder;
2. Issuing expeditiously any import licenses required for goods, supplies, materials, equipment, or property imported in connection with this Agreement, and assist, where appropriate, in expediting their movement through port and transportation facilities and their clearance through customs; and
3. Issuing expeditiously any diplomatic, official or other types of visas required for individual employees and their families funded under any assistance being provided in connection with this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4
THE SPECIAL MISSION

1. The Government of Timor-Leste shall receive a special mission ("Special Mission") from the Government of the United States. This Special Mission will implement and discharge the functions of the assistance activities provided for under this Agreement.
2. The Special Mission will enjoy the same privileges and immunities as are extended to the premises and property of the diplomatic mission of the United States, including for example, inviolability of premises, property, and archives and the privilege of free communication.

ARTICLE 5
IMMUNITIES

1. The Government of the United States and the Government of Timor-Leste agree that United States Government officials and employees (and their family members forming part of their household) who are present in Timor-Leste to perform work in connection with this Agreement shall enjoy the privileges and immunities equivalent to those accorded to U.S. Embassy personnel of comparable rank under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961.
2. The immunities provided under paragraph 1 are not applicable to citizens or permanent residents of Timor-Leste.
3. Without prejudice to the immunities provided under paragraph 1, it is understood that the personnel covered by that paragraph are obliged to respect the laws of Timor-Leste.

ARTICLE 6
PRIVILEGES AND EXEMPTIONS

In order to assure the maximum benefits to the people of Timor-Leste from the assistance to be furnished hereunder:

1. Any goods, supplies, materials, equipment, property, services or funds introduced into or acquired in Timor-Leste by the Government of the United States, or by any contractor or other organization financed by the Government of the United States, for purposes of any program or project conducted as part of, or in conjunction with, the assistance provided hereunder, are exempt from any taxes on ownership or use of property and any other taxes, investment or deposit requirements, and currency controls in Timor-Leste. The import, export, purchase, use or disposition of any such goods, supplies, materials, equipment, property, services or funds in connection with such a program or project are exempt from any tariffs, customs duties, import and export taxes, taxes on purchase, rental or disposition of property, value-added taxes and other taxes or similar charges in Timor-Leste. No tax (whether in the nature of an income, profits, business, rent, value-added or other tax, duty, or fees of whatever nature, except fees for specific services rendered) shall be imposed by the Government of Timor-Leste in connection with work performed under this Agreement upon any contractor or other organization financed by the Government of the United States under the assistance furnished hereunder.
2. All personnel (and their families), except citizens and permanent residents of Timor-Leste, who the Government of the United States, or any agency thereof, employs (whether by direct hire, contract or other arrangement) or finances (whether by contract, grant or otherwise with any public or private organization) and who are present in Timor-Leste to perform work in connection with this Agreement:
 - (a) are exempt from income and social security taxes levied under the laws of Timor-Leste with respect to income derived from assistance programs;
 - (b) are exempt from taxes on residential leases and on the purchase, ownership, use, or disposition of personal movable property (including automobiles) intended for their own use; provided, however, that this exemption shall only apply to sales of personal movable property to persons with duty free privileges; and