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TIMOR-LESTE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS' MEETING 2014 - STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN: MANAGING FOR BETTER RESULTS

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At the 2014 Timor-Leste Development Partners' Meeting we, the representatives of the Government of Timor-Leste and the development partners, Civil Society Organizations and Private Sector representatives met to discuss progress in implementing the *Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030* and agree on a structure and process to achieve results into the future.

We were all pleased to meet in a spirit of solidarity and cooperation to review our challenges and our achievements and to ensure that our future efforts align with Timor-Leste's national priorities and the needs of the Timorese people.

We were honoured to be joined at this meeting by our friends from the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP), friendly countries in the region and thank them for their fraternity and friendship. We are pleased that this meeting can play a role in connecting the members of the CPLP with nations of the Asia Pacific region.

Having regard to, and informed by, the Dili Development Pact 2011 and the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States, the 2014 Development Partners' Meeting affirmed and committed to work with the Strategic Sector Groups and the SDP Matrix to ensure implementation of the *Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030*.

ONE NATIONAL PLAN, COUNTRY LED, COUNTRY OWNED – THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2030

At the 2011 Development Partners' Meeting in 2011 the *Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030* was released setting a framework to transform Timor-Leste from a low-income country to a medium-high income country by 2030, where every Timorese person will have the opportunity to be healthy, educated and secured.

The participants in this meeting re-committed to the *Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030* as the overarching framework for project and program design and implementation and re-affirmed the alignment of their work with its plans strategies, actions and targets.

THE DEVELOPMENT POLICY COORDINATION MECHANISM – STRATEGIC SECTOR REPORTS

At the 2013 Development Partners' Meeting it was agreed that the Development Policy Coordination Mechanism would facilitate the implementation of the *Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030*. This Mechanism consists of four Strategic Sectors (Economic Sector, Social Sector, Infrastructure

Development and Governance and Institutional Strengthening) that are directly aligned with the four pillars of the *Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030*.

The Government of Timor-Leste and the development partners, CSOs and Private Sector are committed to working through the Development Policy Coordination Mechanism to drive planning and delivery of the *Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030*.

The participants agree to monitor these commitments and report ongoing progress accordingly, at sector and sub-sector level allowing us to realize our shared vision. We make these commitments with integrity, reconfirming our will to work in partnership as we enter this new phase of Timor-Leste's development. Lead Ministers committed to leading strategic sector working group meetings with the support of development partners.

THE SDP MATRIX

To allow the Development Policy Coordination Mechanism to be effective, the Government of Timor-Leste and the development partners worked together through 2013 and 2014 to prepare the SDP Matrix as a tool to drive delivery and ensure policy implementation. The SDP Matrix was released at this TLDPM.

The SDP Matrix provides a structure and process which, we all agree, allocates responsibilities and ensures accountability for achievement of goals. The SDP Matrix sets out a hierarchy of goals clustered under the four Strategic Sectors.

We all committed to working in accordance with the SDP Matrix to deliver the *Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030* and recognizing that this is a living document. We all adopted and affirmed the goals of the SDP Matrix and to aligning our planning and budgeting accordingly.

THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2030

The *Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030* provides the framework to achieve a positive future for Timor-Leste and to realise the dreams of the Timorese people. It was agreed that as a framework document the plan needs to be reviewed to take account of progress, changed circumstances and emerging issues.

It was agreed that the Fifth Constitutional Government of Timor-Leste will undertake a mid-term review, beginning in early 2015, of the *Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030* to ensure that it continues to provide the framework for national development through to 2030. A mission will be established to undertake this task consisting of relevant institutions including the Office of the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Finance, line ministries, development partners, CSO and Private Sector. The findings of the Review will be presented at the next TLDPM meeting in 2015.