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**ADDRESS BY
HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRIME MINISTER
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ON THE OCCASION OF THE SWEARING-IN OF THE NATIONAL
DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION SPECIAL
TEAM OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION SCIENTIFIC POLICE (CISP)**

**MFAC Ceremonial Hall
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Dili, Timor-Leste

Your Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This ceremony that brings us here today represents the start of a new stage for the State of Timor-Leste regarding the manner in which it deals with serious, organised and complex crime. It is also the fulfilment of a goal that the Government has had since day one.

We all know that the rates of serious, organised and complex crime throughout the world are growing. This is particularly the case in developing countries.

What is even more worrying and concerning is that these criminal organisations have shown to possess very sophisticated resources, as well as the ability to constantly improve their systems of operation.

In view of the difficulties that are characteristic of a young country that is consolidating its State institutions, the creation of this Criminal Investigation Scientific Police is in itself evidence of the political willingness by the state of Timor-Leste to contribute to the global fight against crime.

This specific and special Police, acting as an auxiliary body of the justice administration, will be operating under the functional dependency and supervision of the Public Prosecution.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The fight against new forms of crime requires cooperation, unity of action, and commitment towards the common good.

Cooperation in the fight against transnational crime requires the involvement of the National Bureau of the International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) and the Criminal Investigation Scientific Police, as well as rapport with other counterpart police forces, such as the Judicial Police of Portugal. I would like to salute this organisation, in the person of its National Director, who is doing us a great honour by being present at this ceremony.

The Judicial Police of Portugal has always been a privileged partner of Timor-Leste. We want to continue on this path, so that we may strengthen relations in the area of criminal investigation, which is vital at this important stage of the creation of our CISP.

At national level, cooperation requires unity of action under the single goal of serving the common good. This cooperation should exist in every entity with responsibilities in the area of criminal investigation, namely between the National Police Force of Timor-Leste, the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Migration Service.

Although the CISP exists and is under the functional dependency of the Public Prosecution, each of those entities has its specific responsibilities. However, only by

working together, within a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation, can we ensure that all those agencies truly become the bodies that will enable a good and effective justice administration in this Country, which is the same as saying that they will enable Justice itself.

Let us work together to ensure all necessary support to criminal investigations, particularly in the exchange and sharing of information, the reliable preservation of evidence, the proper collection, handling and analysis of evidence and the conduct of examinations in Timor-Leste.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to convey a word of encouragement to the Public Prosecution. I am certain that the illustrious Prosecutor-General of the Republic, using his legal and constitutional prerogatives, will be able to use this new body of criminal police in the manner that is most efficient and that best serves the administration of justice in Timor-Leste.

On behalf of the Government, I want to reiterate our willingness to provide all necessary support, in accordance with our knowledge, skill and financial means.

Lastly, I wish Mr Hermenegildo Gonçalves da Cruz, who will be sworn-in as the National Director of the Criminal Investigation Scientific Police, great success in this new stage of his career and of the life of this new agency that he will be leading.

I also extend a warm salute to the new Investigators and Experts who will also be sworn-in.

I urge all men and women who are part of this Special Team of Criminal Investigation to honour your Agency, the Laws of the Republic and our Constitution. I know that you will not forget the People of Timor-Leste and that you will honour it every day.

Thank you very much.

30 January 2015
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