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Government expresses condolences for the death of Kofi Annan

It was with deep consternation and sadness that the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste received the news of the death of Mr. Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Throughout his life, Kofi Annan distinguished himself as a committed and determined defender of peace and international dialogue, contributing with his efforts to end multiple conflicts that threatened international peace and security.

The memory of Kofi Annan will forever be tied to the history of East Timor as he worked tirelessly for the international recognition of the right of self-determination of our People and, following the popular consultation that determined the independence of our Nation, laid the foundations on which the construction of the present Timorese State is based.

For the Timorese People, the death of Kofi Annan represents the loss of a friend to whom, to a great extent, also owes our freedom and sovereignty. For this reason, the memory of Kofi Annan will forever be engraved on the heart of the Timorese.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste associates with all those who feel the loss of Kofi Annan and presents, on its behalf of behalf of the entire Timorese People, their heartfelt condolences to the United Nations, represented in His Excellency, the Secretary-General, respectfully requesting that these condolences also be shown to the family of Kofi Annan, the Government and the People of Ghana. **ENDS**



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