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PRESS RELEASE

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers on August 31, 2013

The Government met extraordinarily this Saturday, August 31, 2013 in the meeting room of the Council of Ministers at the Government Palace in Díli, and approved the following:

1. Contracts for major projects

The Government decided to extend its contracts with the companies CNI22 and Bonifica (included in the National Electrification Project) to ensure the successful completion of projects in progress.

The Council of Ministers also analysed:

1. Terms of Reference of the United Nations Special Adviser to Timor-Leste

The Council of Ministers reviewed the Terms of Reference of the United Nations Special Adviser to Timor-Leste, Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-Moon, for her term ending in December 2014.

Although non-resident, Dr. Noeleen Heyzer will ensure a direct link between Timor-Leste and the Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations. She will be guided by the priority areas identified in Timor-Leste's Strategic Development Plan (2011-2030) as well as the four key focus areas of the Government: development of social capital through capacity building and investment in education and health; basic infrastructure; development of the economy



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particularly agriculture, tourism and the petroleum industry; and consolidation of the institutional framework for good governance.

The United Nations Special Adviser will visit Timor-Leste this September.

2. State Budget for 2014

The Council of Ministers reviewed the proposed State Budget for the financial year 2014, with amounts by expenditure category as revised by the Ministry of Finance.

