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**IN THE OCCASION OF THE ASEAN PLUS THREE (APT)
SUMMIT**

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Thank you, Chair, Your Excellency Sonexay SIPHANDONE

Your Majesty,

Honourable Leaders of ASEAN,

Your Excellency Prime Minister of Japan,

Your Excellency Premier of the People's Republic of China,

Your Excellency President of the Republic of Korea,

Your Excellency Secretary-General of ASEAN,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am grateful for the opportunity to participate as an observer at this ASEAN Plus Three Summit and make these brief remarks.

Timor-Leste closely follows the discussion and the exchanges of views among ASEAN Plus Three countries on regional and international developments.

We endorse the ASEAN Plus Three countries' recognition of the importance of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific as a framework for shaping the region's economic and security architecture.

We support the ASEAN Plus Three's call for ongoing peaceful dialogue among all parties involved to achieve peace and stability on a denuclearised Korean Peninsula, in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

In light of the current unprecedented regional and global challenges, ASEAN-led mechanisms continue to serve as important platforms for regional dialogue and cooperation.

In this way, ASEAN offers countries the opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to the region's peace and development.

Timor-Leste is committed to working collaboratively with the ASEAN Plus Three to address shared challenges and seize opportunities for mutual benefit.

We look forward to continued engagement and cooperation in our collective efforts to promote regional peace, stability, and prosperity.

Thank you, Chair.