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4 novembre 2002

Permanent Mission of Switzerland
to the United Nations

Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste
to the United Nations

New York, October 30, 2002

Excellency,

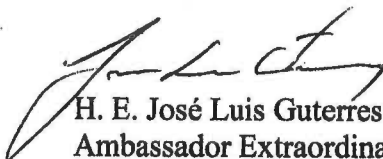
We have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Switzerland and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste have established diplomatic relations as of September 16, 2002.

We would be grateful if Your Excellency could have this letter and the Joint Communiqué on the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries circulated as a United Nations document.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



H. E. Jenö C.A. Staehelin
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Switzerland
to the United Nations



H. E. José Luis Guterres
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
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His Excellency
Mr. Kofi Annan
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REPÚBLICA DEMOCRÁTICA DE TIMOR-LESTE

Joint Communiqué

On the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations

between

The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

and

The Swiss Confederation

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Swiss Confederation,

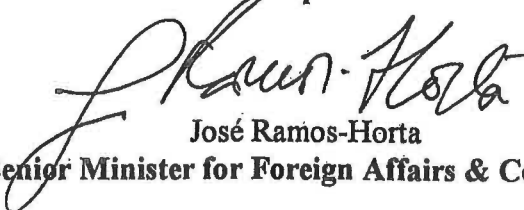
Convinced that the best way to strengthen peace and International security is through understanding, cooperation and friendly relations between nations;

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations signed on the April 18, 1961 and the Vienna Convention of Consular Relations of April 24, 1962;


Have decided to establish full diplomatic relations.

Signed in New York on September 16th, 2002

**For the Government of
The Democratic Republic of Timor -Leste**


José Ramos-Horta
Senior Minister for Foreign Affairs & Cooperation

For the Swiss Confederation


Joseph Deiss
Federal Councillor,
Head of Federal Department of
Foreign Affairs