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## **Draft resolution**

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the situation in East Timor, in particular resolutions 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 and 1338 (2001) of 31 January 2001, and the relevant statements of its President, in particular that of 31 October 2001 (S/PRST/2001/32),

Commending the work of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) and the leadership of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in assisting the people of East Timor in laying the foundations for the transition to independence,

Recalling the Security Council's endorsement in its statement of the President (S/PRST/2001/32) of the proposal of the Constituent Assembly of East Timor of 19 October 2001 that independence be declared on 20 May 2002, and welcoming the strenuous efforts of the Second Transitional Government and the people of East Timor to achieve independence by that date,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 17 January 2002 (S/2002/80 and Corr.1) and taking note of his recommendation that the mandate of UNTAET be extended until the date of independence,

Looking forward to receiving further specific proposals from the Secretary-General for the mandate and structure for a successor United Nations mission after independence at least one month before the date of independence,

- 1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General of 17 January 2002;
- 2. Decides to extend the current mandate of UNTAET until 20 May 2002;
- 3. Decides to remain seized of the matter.

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