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PROGRAMME PLANNING AND BUDGET DIVISION

то: Mr. Warren Sach A: Acting Controller

DATE: 8 April 2005

REFERENCE:

THROUGH: Ms. Catherine Bertini

s/c DE: Under-Secretary-General for Management

FROM: The Secretary-General

SUBJECT: Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses: Independent

OBJET: Commission of Experts to review the prosecution of serious human rights violations committed in the then

East Timor in 1999

- It is estimated that \$152,300 would be required for the Commission of Experts to review the prosecution of serious human rights violations committed in the then East Timor in 1999.
- As no appropriation has been made for this purpose, I hereby authorize you to enter into the necessary commitments up to a maximum of \$152,300 under the authority granted to me in paragraph 1(a) of General Assembly resolution 58/273 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.
- I certify that these expenses relate to the maintenance of peace and security.



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PROGRAMME PLANNING AND BUDGET DIVISION

To: The Secretary-General

Ms. Catherine Bertini

S/C DE! Under-Secretary-General for Management

FROM: Warren Sach

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DE: Acting Controller /

DATE: 30 March 2005

SUBJECT: Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses:

Independent

OBJET: Commission of Experts to review the prosecution of serious human rights violations committed in the then

East Timor in 1999

- The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has informed me 1. of your decision to establish an Independent Commission of Experts to review the judicial processes of the Indonesian Ad Hoc Human Rights Court on East Timor, on the one hand, and the Serious Crimes Investigation Unit and the Special Panels for Serious Crimes in Timor-Leste, on the other. In a letter dated 26 January 2005, the President of the Security Council responded that the Council had taken note of this decision.
- The requirements of the Commission of Experts with the necessary secretariat support for three months are estimated at \$152,300 as follows:

Secretariat support (1 P4, 1P2, 1 GS)	\$ 69,900
Travel of three experts	55,800
Travel of staff	26,600
Total	\$152,300

- I would recommend that these costs be funded under the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses. Authority has been granted to you in General Assembly resolution 58/273 (para.1(a)) to enter into commitments up to a maximum of \$8 million in any one year of the biennium 2004-2005, as you certify, relating to the maintenance of peace and security. Accordingly, I am attaching for your signature a memorandum by which you would authorize commitments up to a maximum of \$152,300 under the authority granted to you in accordance with paragraph 1(a) of General Assembly resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2004-2005.
- The \$152,300 referred to above would be the 7th authorization in/ 2005, and would bring the total commitment sought to date to \$2,372,300, as indicated in the annex to this memorandum.

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A/TO:

Mr. Warren Sach

Acting Controller

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Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

DE/FROM:

Louise Arbour

High Commissioner for Human Rights

OBJET: SUBJECT: Commission of Experts to review the prosecution of serious human rights

violations committed in the then East Timor in 1999:

Request for Regular Budget Funding

1. I refer to the subject matter.

- 2. On 18 February 2000 (S/2000/137), the President of the Security Council conveyed to the Secretary-General the Council's conviction that those responsible for grave violations of international humanitarian law and human rights in East Timor in 1999 should be brought to justice. He also underlined that the United Nations had a role to play in this process and requested the Secretary-General to inform the Council regarding further developments. On 16 November 2004, by resolution 1573 the Security Council reaffirmed the need to fight against impunity and, in this regard, took note of the Secretary-General's intention to continue to explore ways to address this issue and make proposals as appropriate. On 11 January 2005, the Secretary-General informed the Security Council of his decision to establish an Independent Commission of Experts (Commission) to review the judicial processes of the Indonesian Ad Hoc Human Rights Court on East Timor, on the one hand, and the Serious Crimes Investigation Unit and the Special Panels for Serious Crimes in Timor-Leste, on the other. In a letter dated 26 January 2005, the President of the Security Council responded that the Council had taken note of this decision.
- 3. Subsequently, on 18 February 2005, the Secretary-General announced the establishment of a Commission of Experts to review prosecution of serious crimes committed in East Timor in 1999. The Commission started its work on 21 February 2005 and will submit its findings and recommendations through the High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Secretary-General, not later than 20 May 2005.

4. The Commission has the mandate to:

(a) review the judicial processes of the two institutions;

(b) assess the effective functioning of the two institutions;

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Sico. Unforeseen 1811. 1/16. (c) consider and recommend to the Secretary-General, as necessary and appropriate, legally sound and practically feasible measures and/or mechanisms so that those responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights in Bast Timor in 1999 are held accountable;

(d) consider ways in which its analysis could be of assistance to the Commission of Truth and Friendship, which Indonesia and Timor-Leste agreed to establish, and make appropriate recommendations to the Secretary-General in this regard.

- 5. The Secretary-General has appointed Justice Bhagwati (India), Dr. Shaista Shameem (Fiji) and Professor Yozo Yokota (Japan) as experts, members of the Commission. The Commission will be serviced by a secretariat recruited by the OHCHR and based in Geneva. The secretariat comprises two professionals at P-4 and P-2 levels and one General Services staff at G-5 level. The Commission is expected to carry out field missions, during which it will be assisted by Security and Field Support Team and interpreters.
- 6. Total full cost to implement the activities of the Commission is estimated at USD \$430,200 as approved under project GLO/05/HC/07 (attached for ease of reference). At this stage, it is not possible to anticipate that the full cost could be fully covered by earmarked voluntary contributions under the trust fund (HC) for the support of the OHCHR activities. Furthermore, it is important that an important portion of the expenditures for this Commission be covered by the UN regular budget (unforeseen expenditures) in order to highlight that the Commission is a UN initiative.
- 7. Since no provision has been made under the regular budget biennium 2004-2005, Section 24 Human Rights, it would be necessary that additional appropriations be given for the Commission's essential requirements comprising: one mission to New York, Dili and Djakarta for the 3 members of the Commission USD \$35,300 and for two staff USD \$26,600; one mission to Geneva USD \$20,500 and the recruitment of three staff for 3 months to serve as the secretariat of the Commission \$69,900. Detailed budget totaling USD \$152,300 is attached under table 1.
- 8. I would be grateful if you would approve this request.