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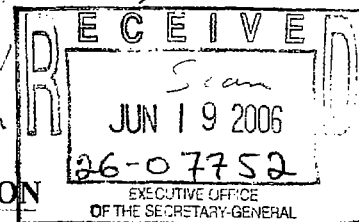
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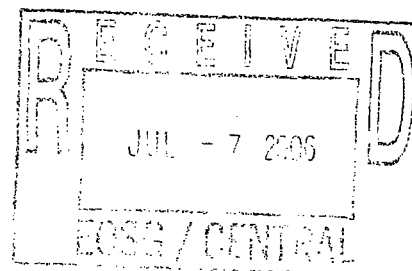


TIMOR-LESTE NEEDS ASSESSMENT MISSION

1. I wish to thank DPKO for having convened a first inter-departmental task force meeting on Timor-Leste yesterday. DPA looks forward to regular interaction in this format at the working level, which will allow for continued exchange of information among all concerned.
2. With reference to the draft terms of reference of the needs assessment mission, DPA welcomes the inclusion of key Political/Good Offices and Electoral tasks to be carried out by the needs assessment mission. Given the importance of these tasks in the current context of political tensions, we are pleased to provide DPA's experience and expertise, including in the area of political analysis, conflict resolution, political facilitation and community reconciliation. This would also ensure proper back-stopping to the follow-on UN mission in these areas, including through the use, as appropriate, of DPA's institutional partners in the area of conflict resolution.
3. Building upon the excellent cooperation between our two Departments in support of the Special Envoy's mission, DPA looks forward to participating fully in the needs assessment mission and in the discussion and development of the political and electoral mandate of the follow-on UN mission. We therefore suggest that the needs assessment mission include two DPA Political Affairs Officers: Mr. Erwan Pouchous and Ms. Hiroko Miyamura, Desk Officers for Timor-Leste in APD and EAD, respectively.
4. We understand that the needs assessment mission is scheduled to depart for Timor-Leste as early as Friday 23 June for an expected duration of two weeks, with a view to submitting a report to the Security Council by 7 August. DPA is of course ready to extend its full support and assistance to the assessment and follow-on process.
5. Thank you and best regards.

Angela Kane
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OIC, DPA
16 June 2006

cc.: Ms. Bárcena
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Multi-Disciplinary Assessment Mission to Timor-Leste: Terms of Reference

Tasks

With a view to formulating recommendations for a future UN presence in Timor-Leste, the tasks to be carried out by the assessment mission, in coordination with other UN stakeholders, are as follows:

- a. Political/Good Offices: Review the political processes and conditions and other institutional weaknesses that have led to the current crisis in order to identify possible action that could be taken by the UN to promote enhanced dialogue and reconciliation among the various Timorese parties, as well as to facilitate an improvement in the current conditions and environment in Timor-Leste for sustainable peace and security to be established. Identify concrete support that could contribute to a political culture conducive to the peaceful settlement of political and socio-economic disputes, and to enhancing public engagement with national institutions (e.g., strengthening of political parties; sustained national dialogue focused on building broad policy consensus and social reconciliation; establishment of mediation mechanisms; conflict resolution training for political and civic leadership; strengthening of civil society).
- b. Elections: Assess the needs in the area of electoral assistance to support the process leading to the planning, organization and conduct of credible parliamentary and presidential elections in 2007, and present recommendations on the optional roles which could be played by the UN in this process.
- c. Police: Assess the requirements for the reorganization and restructuring of the Timorese police (PNTL) so that it can act as an independent and professional law enforcement agency, including in the areas of training, mentoring and vetting. In addition, assess the most appropriate functions, tasks and composition/strength of a UN police force to be deployed to maintain law and order in Dili and other parts of the country as necessary and to re-establish confidence among the population, pending the restructuring of the PNTL.
- d. Military: Ascertain the preferences of the Timorese authorities on the nature of the UN military role to be undertaken within the post-UNOTIL mission, as well as the intentions of the international forces deployed in the country. On that basis, present recommendations for planning an appropriate UN military role.
- e. Reform of Timorese Defence Force: Assess the requirements for reviewing the role and needs of the Timorese defence force (F-FDTL) and for strengthening the organizational foundation and institutional capacity of the Ministry of Defence and the F-FDTL, and identify what assistance should be provided by the UN in this area (in coordination with any bilateral assistance).
- f. Human Rights: Assess the human rights promotion, protection and assistance needs and capacities in the country, including in respect of institutional requirements, accountability mechanisms and means for combating impunity, and what assistance should be provided by the UN.

g. Rule of Law: Assess the needs for the strengthening of rule of law in Timor-Leste, including through support for the further development of the police (see c. above), the judicial system and corrections system, and what assistance should be provided by the UN. Also assess the requirements for restoring a programme of assistance for the prosecution of serious crimes in the post-UNOTIL mission.

h. Governance/Institutional Capacity Building/Development: Review the outstanding needs for assistance in further building the capacity of State and Government institutions in areas where specialized expertise may be required, such as in the finance sector, and what assistance should best be provided by the UN alongside bilateral/multilateral partners, including through the provision of international civilian advisers. This review will take account, inter alia, of the socio-economic situation in Timor-Leste as well as the national resources (human and financial) and international assistance available for the strengthening of the country's productive capacity and economic development.

i. Humanitarian Assistance: Assess, in cooperation with the UN Country Team and OCHA, the implications of current and future humanitarian needs in Timor-Leste for the post-UNOTIL mission, and how to best address them.

j. Public Information: Assess the requirements for a public information capacity focusing on promoting an understanding of the post-UNOTIL mission's goals and activities among both domestic and international constituencies, and facilitating the achievement of those goals.

k. Gender Dimensions: Assess the gender dimensions of all issues covered by the assessment in order to develop recommendations for integrating gender perspectives in all functional areas of the post-UNOTIL mission, including on the gender capacity required for this purpose.

l. Security: Assess, under the lead of DSS, the security requirements for the post-UNOTIL mission.

m. Support functions: Taking account of the conditions in Timor-Leste, develop a viable deployment and support plan for the post-UNOTIL mission in the country; provide specialist logistical advice in the development of the concept of operations for the mission; and determine the organizational structure and staffing requirements.