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Note to Mr. Halbwachs

Release of funds for two projects in East Timor

As discussed, please find attached the details for two projects, each estimated at \$25,000, which have been sent by Mr. Vieira de Mello, and which have now been approved by the Secretary-General.

While the Secretary-General was travelling, it was ascertained that the required funds for the two projects could come from the Korean Peace Prize. (A copy of Mr. Riza's cable is attached for your reference).

I should be grateful if you could have the required funds released to UNTAET for these two worthy projects at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Elisabeth Lindenmayer 10 March 2000

Follow-up action related to the Secretary-General's recent trip to Asia

As you know, during our recent visit to Asia a number of issues were raised during the meetings of the Secretary-General which fall within the competence of DPKO. I should be grateful if you could update the Secretary-General on what action has so far been taken on the following points.

1. The Chairman of the House of Representatives of Indonesia stated that Indonesia needed international assistance to accomplish the return of East Timorese in West Timor. The Secretary-General told the Chairman that UNHCR wanted to work closely with the government, and that the UN would follow through with these efforts. The Secretary-General later indicated that Mr. Vieira de Mello should draw up a plan of action to support the repatriation of East Timorese still in West Timor.

2. The Secretary-General related to the Indonesian Attorney-General that modalities should be worked out for the sharing of information on alleged abuses in East Timor between UNTAET and the office of the Attorney-General. More generally, he hoped that an MOU would soon be concluded between the Indonesian Government and UNTAET to deal with the issue of cooperation on legal issues.

3. During his meeting with members of Indonesia's National Committee on Human Rights (Komnas Ham), the Secretary-General stated that the UN would be prepared to cooperate with the Attorney General's office to bring to trial those accused of human rights violations in East Timor. To that end, he again indicated that an MOU should be worked out between the UN and Indonesia, with input on the UN side coming from OLA, DPKO and UNTAET. At the same meeting, the Secretary-General indicated that DPKO should approach UNHCHR to seek their assistance in providing training to the Indonesian judiciary on conducting human rights trials in East Timor. A third action required as follow-up to this meeting is the provision by DPKO of copies of its code of conduct and training materials for peacekeepers to Komnas Ham.

4. In New Zealand, the Secretary-General mentioned to the Prime Minister that the UN was trying to get governments to set up high-readiness brigades. He asked the Prime Minister to consider how New Zealand might contribute to such rapid-response capabilities for UN peacekeeping. You may wish to pursue this point with the Mission of New Zealand here in New York.

Thank you.

Elisabeth Lindenmayer 6 March 2000

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