



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

7 June 2013

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letters dated 20 September and 26 November 2012, in which you proposed the establishment of an innovative and cooperative working relationship between the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the United Nations following the end of the peacekeeping mission in your country. It was proposed that this could include the appointment of a non-resident Special Adviser to the Secretary-General for Timor-Leste. I would also like to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 7 March 2013, addressed to former Assistant Secretary-General Mr. Finn Reske-Nielsen, in which you attached a revised Terms of Reference – drafted in close consultation between your Government and the United Nations – for the aforementioned post.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that I agree to the appointment of a Special Adviser for Timor-Leste, for a maximum period of two years as you have requested, mandated to advise your Government on a range of issues that are different from, but complementary to, the responsibilities of the United Nations Resident Coordinator. This includes supporting your Government in its efforts towards peacebuilding, state-building and sustainable development. The efforts of the United Nations will remain consistent with the principles of the New Deal and will also aim to assist your country in leading the g7+ group of fragile nations.

Following your discussions with my Deputy Secretary-General in Bangkok on 29 April 2013, I would like to inform you that Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, the current Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific will be appointed as the Special Adviser for Timor-Leste.

His Excellency
Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão
Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic
of Timor-Leste
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Letter to PM Timor-Leste
Re: appt S/ASG Timor-Leste
Drafted by: Dev. Jui/LM
Read by: cs
Reviewed by: SA/PU
Approved by: SM

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I look forward to deepening the effective and ongoing partnership between the United Nations and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, including through my Special Adviser, and to continuing to work together with your Government to improve the lives of the people of Timor-Leste.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ban Ki-moon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ban" being more prominent and the last name "Ki-moon" written in a more connected, flowing style.

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