



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Timor-Leste

22 February 2008

Excellency,

As conveyed in my 11 February 2008 statement, I remain shocked and dismayed by the attacks that morning on His Excellency President José Ramos-Horta and yourself, resulting in injuries to the President as well as two persons killed and a number of others injured. I am relieved that the prognosis for the President is good, and would be most grateful if you could convey my heartfelt wishes to the President for a speedy and full recovery. I am also relieved that you remained unharmed, despite the attack on your convoy, and count on your continued leadership during this critical period.

I commend the quick action taken by the Timorese authorities, in close coordination with the leadership of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) and international security forces, to ensure enhanced security arrangements to prevent any deterioration of the situation. It is reassuring that the situation, though fragile, has remained calm. This is no doubt attributable to the appeals to the population by yourself, other Timorese leaders and UNMIT, as well as the implementation of the night-time curfew. I also welcome the supportive role played by countries in the region, including Indonesia and Australia, with the latter promptly deploying additional troops and police officers as requested by the Timorese Government.

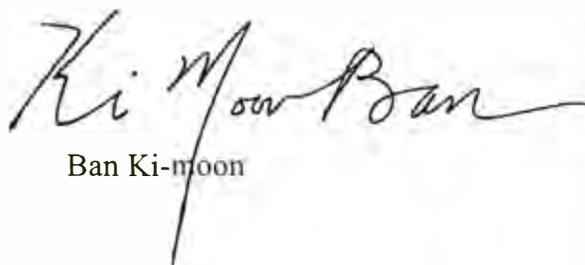
As reflected by the Presidential Statement of the Security Council on 11 February 2008, the international community has strongly condemned these attacks and called on the Government of Timor-Leste to bring to justice those responsible for this heinous act. I note that the UNMIT police, together with its Timorese counterparts, are vigorously pursuing the investigation into these incidents, and hope that all parties in Timor-Leste will provide their full cooperation.

His Excellency
Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão
Prime Minister of the Democratic
Republic of Timor-Leste
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Let me take this opportunity to reiterate the full support of the United Nations to the Government and people of Timor-Leste in their continued efforts to strengthen inclusive democratic processes and achieve sustainable stability and prosperity in the country.

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

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Ban Ki-moon

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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

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Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Nelson Santos
Permanent Representative of the Democratic
Republic of Timor-Leste to the United Nations
New York

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To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature a letter addressed to the PM of Timor-Leste, H.E. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, following the 11 February attacks.

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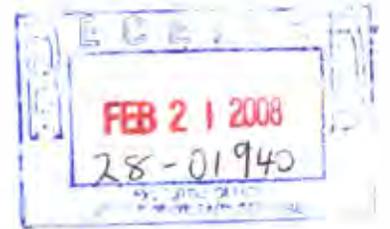
Nicholas Haysom
22 February 2008

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Note to Mr. Nambiar



Letter to Timor-Leste Prime Minister Gusmão following 11 February attacks

1. We have attached, for consideration of the Secretary-General, a letter to the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, reiterating his shock and dismay at the 11 February attacks on the Timorese President and Prime Minister, and conveying his best wishes for a speedy and full recovery of the President. In the letter, the Secretary-General also conveys his relief that the Prime Minister remained unharmed from the attack on his convoy, and that he counts on his leadership during this critical period.
2. We would be grateful for the Secretary-General's approval of the letter so that it may be forwarded to the Prime Minister through the Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the United Nations.

Jean-Marie Guéhenno
19 February 2008

cc: Mr. Pascoe