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EAST TIMOR POPULAR CONSULTATION AGREEMENT REGARDING SECURITY

The Governments of Indonesia and Portugal and the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

Agree as follows :

1. A secure environment devoid of violence or other forms of intimidation is a prerequisite for the holding of a free and fair ballot in East Timor. Responsibility to ensure such an environment as well as for the general maintenance of law and order rests with the appropriate Indonesian security authorities. The absolute neutrality of the TNI (Indonesian Armed Forces) and the Indonesian Police is essential in this regard.
2. The Commission on Peace and Stability established in Dili on 21 April 1999 should become operational without delay. The Commission, in cooperation with the United Nations, will elaborate a code of conduct, by which all parties should abide, for the period prior to and following the consultation, ensure the laying down of arms and take the necessary steps to achieve disarmament.
3. Prior to the start of the registration, the Secretary-General shall ascertain, based on the objective evaluation of the UN mission, that the necessary security situation exists for the peaceful implementation of the consultation process.
4. The police will be solely responsible for the maintenance of law and order. The Secretary-General, after obtaining the necessary mandate, will make available a number of civilian police officers to act as advisers to the Indonesian Police in the discharge of their duties and, at the time of the consultation, to supervise the escort of ballot papers and boxes to and from the polling sites.

DONE IN New York on this 5th day of May 1999

For the Government of Indonesia
(signed)

Ali Alatas
Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the United Nations
(signed)

Kofi A. Annan
Secretary-General

For the Government of Portugal
(signed)

Jaime Gama
Minister for Foreign Affairs