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People in Timor-Leste, Indonesia, West Papua, and elsewhere tell us that ETAN's work remains as important as ever. Recently, ETAN's board began a long-term planning process. We are discussing how to make our strategies and tactics more effective and appropriate. We have received valuable suggestions from many people and welcome your input and words of support.

With your help, we can intensify our pursuit of justice for the victims of crimes committed by Indonesia’s police and military: from the bloody coup in 1965 that initiated decades of Suharto dictatorship, through the illegal invasion and occupation of Timor-Leste, to the
ongoing human rights violations against West Papuans, LGBTQ Indonesians, and too many others. With your help, ETAN will pressure the U.S. government and the international community to acknowledge their role in arming and training the perpetrators of many of these crimes.

Your help is crucial to ETAN’s support for the rights of the people of West Papua, including their struggle for self-determination. We will focus on public education in the U.S. and support West Papuan lobbying at the United Nations.

With your support, ETAN continues to inform, educate, advocate, and organize in support of the Timorese people’s rights – to democratic governance, permanent maritime boundaries, adequate nutrition, effective education and decent health care. We amplify their concerns and voices for a worldwide audience, while respecting their national sovereignty. Last month, to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of Timor-Leste’s declaration of independence (which coincided with Thanksgiving Day in the U.S.), we wrote:

“ETAN gives thanks for the sovereignty, democracy, and peace that currently prevails in Timor-Leste, but we do not forget the shameful colonization and occupation which foreign invaders, some supported by the United States government, inflicted on your people. We recommit ourselves to improve democratic practices in the United States and to work for policies that secure human rights, end impunity, and achieve social and economic justice for both our peoples. Timor-Leste has made more progress in 42 years than the United States has in 241, but both nations have a long way to go, and ETAN looks forward to the continuing journey.”

We that hope you will join us on that journey.

A luta continua,

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