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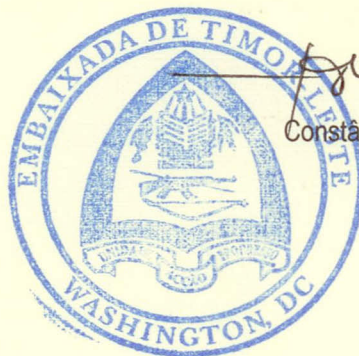
Letter from His Excellency Constâncio Pinto, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in support of ETAN's Solidarity Observer Project 2012

As the Ambassador from the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the United States, Canada and Mexico, I welcome the continued solidarity of the East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN). Observer teams from ETAN for 2012 national elections is especially important.

Observer missions from other governments and NGOs will be present to help ensure that our electoral process will be transparent, free and fair for beginning to end. We welcome and need international support for our ongoing process of building Timor-Leste into an effective democracy.

I first encountered ETAN in 1993, soon after my exile from Timor-Leste, and I am deeply familiar with ETAN's 20-year record of solidarity activity. I have long been impressed by ETAN's capacity to mobilize internationals and its commitment to working in equal partnership with Timorese and with Timorese organizations. ETAN is strictly non-partisan. It has always taken seriously its commitment to Timor's self-determination. ETAN has in-depth knowledge of Timor-Leste's reality and history. ETAN observed the 1999 referendum that brought Timor-Leste to independence and has been present at every Timorese election since.

As a result, civil-society organizations in Timor-Leste have invited ETAN to recruit and train observers for this coming election, and I, personally, look forward to welcoming them. Any support and cooperation toward the end of make this observer project a success is appreciated and will receive my deepest gratitude.



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