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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2000/2

ON THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF DEFAMATION

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General (hereinafter: Transitional Administrator),

Pursuant to the authority given to him under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999,

Taking into account United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) Regulation 1999/1 of 27 November 1999 on the authority of the Transitional Administration in East Timor,

Issues the following Executive Order:

Effective immediately, the conduct defined in Chapter XVI (Defamation) of the Indonesian Penal Code, comprising articles 310 through 321, is of non-criminal nature in East Timor. Under no circumstance may said articles be the basis for criminal charges by the Public Prosecutor. Persons allegedly defamed shall be limited to civil actions and only to the extent that such remedies may be provided in a future UNTAET Regulation.

This Executive Order shall apply to all pending proceedings in East Timor, regardless of the time of any alleged offense.

Sergio Vieira de Mello
Transitional Administrator