

Joint statement

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There is a deep reservoir of friendship and solidarity between the Timorese and Australian people. Our governments are working closely together to further our bilateral ties and our shared interest in a peaceful, stable and prosperous region. Befitting the close relationship between our countries, Australia and Timor-Leste are pleased to announce important new initiatives to support Timor-Leste's economic development.

Australia and Timor-Leste are committed to ensuring that the development of the Greater Sunrise Fields in the Timor Sea delivers long-term benefits for the people of Timor-Leste, consistent with the historic *Treaty Between Australia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Establishing Their Maritime Boundaries in the Timor Sea* (the 2018 Maritime Boundary Treaty).

The 2018 Maritime Boundary Treaty created a special regime for the development of the Greater Sunrise Fields. Over the past two years, Australia's Special Representative for Greater Sunrise, the Honourable Steve Bracks AC, has worked closely with the Australian and Timor-Leste Governments and the private sector to create the conditions for the development of this strategic resource.

To support Timor-Leste's wishes to secure long-term economic growth, improve living standards and diversify its economy, Australia has proposed to make a significant investment in Timor-Leste's future through the establishment of a dedicated infrastructure fund, capitalised from part of Australia's share of future revenue from the Greater Sunrise project. Australia would establish the infrastructure fund to support any commercially viable solution proposed by the commercial parties which had been agreed to by the States consistent with the requirements of the 2018 Maritime Boundary Treaty. It is estimated that a successful project could deliver billions of dollars to the Timor-Leste infrastructure fund over the life of the project, making it a nation building initiative.

Australia and Timor-Leste look forward to continuing to work with the relevant commercial parties towards our shared objective of realising the development of the Greater Sunrise project.

Recognising Timor-Leste's ambition to create more employment opportunities, the Australian Government is also making an unprecedented investment in Timor-Leste's work force. The Timor-Leste-Australia Labour Mobility and Skills Partnership will provide nearly \$50 million over four years to equip more Timorese workers with job-ready skills. This investment will include funding for a new recruitment and training centre in Dili, a boost for high-quality English language training, and enhanced access to Australian-recognised qualifications. Through this Partnership, Timor-Leste and Australia will work together to support Timor-Leste's goal of enabling 10,000 Timorese workers to take up employment opportunities in Australia by 2027-28, including through the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme. These efforts will have a particular focus on semi-skilled positions.

The Prime Ministers of Timor-Leste and Australia look forward to the opportunity to mark these significant initiatives in-person in the coming year, as a demonstration of the commitment of both countries to the development of Greater Sunrise and the strength of the bilateral relationship.

Deklarasaun konjunta husi Primeiru Ministru Repúblika Demokrátika Timor-Leste no Commonwealth Austrália nian

Povu Timoroan ho Australianu iha amizade no solidariedade ne'ebé kle'an. Ita-nia governu rua ne'e servisu hamutuk atu hametin relasaun bilaterál no interese komún ne'ebé nasaun rua ne'e fahe hamutuk iha rejiaun ida ne'ebé mak pasífiku, estavel no prósperu. Haree ba relasaun entre nasaun rua nian ne'ebé metin tebes, Austrália ho Timor-Leste kontenti atu anúnsia inisiativu importante foun hodi apoia dezvoltimentu ekonómiku Timor-Leste nian.

Austrália ho Timor-Leste komprometidu atu asegura dezvoltimentu kampu Greater Sunrise iha Tasi Timor ne'ebé sei fó benefísiu ba tempu naruk ba povu Timor-Leste sira, bazeia ba Tratadu istóriu entre Austrália ho Repúblika Demokrátika Timor-Leste ne'ebé Estabelese sira-nia Fronteira Marítima iha Tasi Timor (Tratadu Fronteira Marítima 2018).

Tratadu Fronteira Marítima 2018 ne'e kria rejime espesial ida ba dezvoltimentu Kampu sira Greater Sunrise nian. Durante tinan rua resin, Representante Espesial Austrália nian ba asuntu Greater Sunrise, Onorável Steve Bracks AC, servisu hamutuk ho Governu Timor-Leste no Austrália no setór privadu ne'ebé involve hodi kria kondisaun ba dezvoltimentu rekursu estratéjiku ida-ne'e.

Atu apoia Timor-Leste nia dezeju ba asegura kreximentu ekonómiku ba tempu naruk nian, hadi'a padraun moris no diversifika ekonomia rai-laran, Austrália propoin ona atu halo investimentu signifikativu ba Timor-Leste nia futuru liuhusi establesimentu fundu infraestruturá dedikadu ida, ne'ebé sei finansia husi Austrália nia kuota rendimentu futuru husi projetu Greater Sunrise nian. Austrália sei estabelese fundu infraestruturá ida hodi apoia kualkér solusaun ne'ebé maka viavel komersialmente, ne'ebé maka propoin husi parte komersial sira no hetan ona akordu husi Estadu sira bazeia ba rekizitu sira Tratadu Fronteira Marítima 2018. Iha estimasaun katak projetu ida ne'e susesu bele fornese bilaun dolar barak ba fundu infraestruturá Timor-Leste nia durante projetu ne'e la'ó, parte ida husi inisiativa dezvoltolve nasaun nian.

Austrália no Timor-Leste hein atu kontinua servisu hamutuk ho ajénsia komérsiu relevante sira ba ita-nia objetivu hamutuk atu realiza dezvoltimentu projetu Greater Sunrise nian.

Austrália rekoñese Timor-Leste nia ambisaun atu kria oportunidade empregu barak liu tan, Governo Austrália mós daudaun ne'e investe maka'as iha Timor-Leste ninia kampu forsa-traballu. Parseria Mobilidade Traballu no Abilidade Timor-Leste – Austrália (Timor-Leste-Australia Labour Mobility and Skills Partnership) nian sei fornese maizomenus millaun 50 dolar Australianu ba tinan haat nia laran, atu prepara traballadór Timoroan barak liu tan ho abilidade pruntu atu servisu. Investimentu ne'e sei inklui finansiamentu ba sentru rekutamentu no formasaun foun ida iha Dili, hasa'e kualidade treinamentu lian Inglés ho kualidade aas, no aumenta asesu ba kualifikasaun ne'ebé rekoñese husi Austrália. Liuhusi Parseria ida ne'e, Timor-Leste no Austrália sei servisu hamutuk atu atinji Timor-Leste nia objetivu atu permite traballadór Timoroan nain 10,000 bele hetan oportunidade atu ba servisu iha Austrália to'ó tinan 2027-2028, inklui Austrália nia Eskema Mobilidade Traballadór Pasífiku Austrália (sigla Inglés PALM). Esforsu hirak ne'e sei foka ba pozisaun semi-kualifikadu sira.

Primeiru Ministru Timor-Leste ho Austrália hein ba oportunidade atu marka inisiativu signifikativu ne'e pesoalmente iha tinan mai ne'e, nu'udar demonstrasaun ida ba kompromisu husi nasaun rua ne'e nian ba dezvoltimentu Greater Sunrise no forsa husi relasaun bilaterál entre nasaun rua ne'e nian. **REMATA**