

United Nations Peacebuilding Commission
Press Statement on Timor-Leste

1. On 26 September 2022, the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) convened a meeting on Timor-Leste with the participation of the President of Timor-Leste, the former President and Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, a representative of the Asian Development Bank, two civil society representatives from Timor-Leste and the General Secretary of the Group of Seven Plus (g7+) as well as senior UN officials, including the Assistant Secretary-General for the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support and the Resident Coordinator in Timor-Leste.

2. The meeting marked a first-time exchange between the Commission and Timor-Leste on the country's peacebuilding experiences. In the spirit of global solidarity and South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC), Timor-Leste shared good practices and lessons learned from its peacebuilding process with members of the Commission.

3. The PBC members commended the remarkable progress made by Timor-Leste, through a nationally owned and led process, including in consolidation of peace and stability, promotion of social cohesion and strengthening of institutions, since the drawdown of the UN Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) in 2012. They also praised the leadership role played by the Government to improve international engagement and coordination in support of conflict-affected countries and regions. The Government's actions through cooperation with regional and international partners, particularly as a founding member of the g7+, demonstrated its commitment to peacebuilding and SSTC. The PBC members recognized the Commission as an important platform for facilitation of SSTC. They expressed their commitment to advance the role of the Commission in this regard, building on the successful engagement with Timor-Leste and other conflict-affected countries.

4. PBC members recognized the challenges and opportunities facing Timor-Leste, including reducing poverty and inequality, diversifying the economy, and continuing to empower women and youth. They welcomed the efforts made by Timor-Leste, including through the adoption and implementation of a Strategic Development Plan, the 2017 SDGs Roadmap and the 2016

National Action Plan for the implementation of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2000). The PBC members expressed their commitment to support in mobilizing, as necessary, coherent and coordinated international support for Timor-Leste to address its remaining challenges and meet its peacebuilding priorities.