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13 November 1991

Dear Stephen,

Prime Minister

It will need a line for the House tomorrow.

Shootings in East Timor

Reports are coming in of a serious shooting incident in Dili, the capital of East Timor, on 12 November when it seems that Indonesian troops fired indiscriminately on a funeral procession for an earlier victim of violence.

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The situation remains confused. Violence appears to have been used by other sides. From what our Embassy has been able to piece together it appears that the Deputy Commander of Indonesian forces in East Timor was stabbed in the course of the memorial procession. Troops then opened fire, leaving some 20 killed and 30 injured on the ground. Some of the injured are not expected to live. Two British journalists were caught up in the melee but are apparently unhurt. The Indonesian authorities will be issuing a statement. About 100 persons have been arrested and we are told that a number of hand grenades and other weapons were found amongst the crowd. The earlier incident on 28 October when two civilians were killed by Indonesian troops was the first incident of its kind for three years. It will lead critics of the Indonesian regime to redouble their efforts and to further calls on the UK to impose an arms embargo. The Prime Minister answered a PQ on this subject on 18 March 1991 (enclosed).

It so happens that our Ambassador in Jakarta recently sent us a think-piece on this subject which stressed the following points:

- the Indonesian belief is that the East Timorese must and eventually will have to accept integration is deep, unchangeable for the foreseeable future, and will determine policy;
- this conflicts head-on with a political priority in Portugal;
- the few Timorese actively resisting are not being effectively quelled; the remainder are not being won over;

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- the problem therefore has to be managed: no solution is in sight;
- the forthcoming UN/Portuguese visit is unlikely to be productive of progress towards a solution;
- no change is needed, or justified, yet, in UK recognition policy;
- but we should, carefully, press ahead with an HMG-supported UK NGO aid project;
- and explain our analysis and views to the Portuguese and the UN.

We agree with Mr Carrick's pessimistic analysis. Unfortunately, the shootings will raise the temperature considerably and our relations with Indonesia are bound to come under some strain. The European Community will issue a statement this morning (latest, but not final, draft enclosed) and News Department will use this in replies to enquiries. Lord Caithness will see the Indonesian Ambassador at 1500 hrs today to seek clarification of events and to express our concerns about the British journalists and the reports of violence.

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(S L Gass)
Private Secretary

J S Wall Esq
10 Downing Street

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SEAD East Timor

Mrs. Mahon: To ask the Prime Minister further to his oral answer of 28 February, *Official Report*, column 1116, if he is now in a position to make a statement about East Timor.

Written Answers

18 MARCH 1991

The Prime Minister [*holding answer 15 March 1991*]:
Through our embassy in Jakarta, we keep a close watch on developments in East Timor and have made clear to the Indonesians our concern about infringements of human rights, such as those described in the Amnesty report. We will continue to do so.

All countries have a sovereign right under the United Nations charter to secure the means of their own self-defence. Applications to export defence equipment are carefully scrutinised on a case by case basis. We do not allow the export of arms and equipment likely to be used against civil populations. In the case of Indonesia this criterion extends to possible use against the civilian population of East Timor.

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SUBJECT: EAST-TIMOR / PROPOSAL FOR A DECLARATION

IN VIEW OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DILI, EAST TIMOR, THE
PRESIDENCY PROPOSES THAT THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION BE ISSUED IN
THE HAGUE AND BRUSSELS BY THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES.

QUOTE

DECLARATION ON EAST TIMOR

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES ARE GRAVELY
CONCERNED AT REPORTS THAT ON 12 NOVEMBER MEMBERS OF THE
INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES IN DILI OPENED FIRE ON A GROUP OF
DEMONSTRATORS, KILLING AND WOUNDING A CONSIDERABLE
NUMBER.

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES WILL OBTAIN
INFORMATION ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS INCIDENT AT
THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY, IF POSSIBLE FROM INDEPENDENT
SOURCES.

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES URGE THE INDONESIAN
GOVERNMENT TO DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO ENSURE THAT MEMBERS
OF THE INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES AND POLICE IN EAST TIMOR EXERCISE
MAXIMUM RESTRAINT AND THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND
POLICE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAGIC OUTCOME OF THIS
INCIDENT ARE BROUGHT TO TRIAL.

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THE PRESIDENCY INVITES PARTNERS TO CIRCULATE ANY COMMENTS BEFORE
10.00 HRS ON 13 NOVEMBER WITH A VIEW TO PUBLISH THE DECLARATION
THAT SAME DAY.

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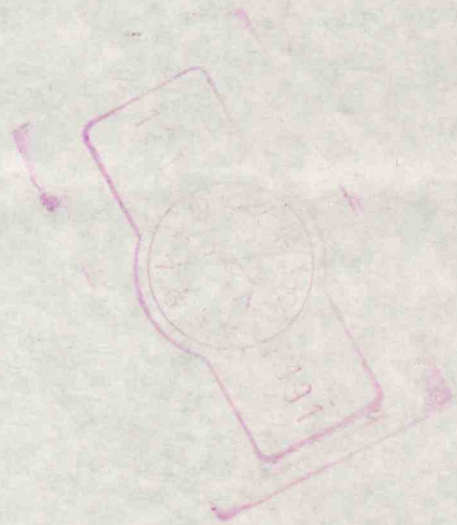
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From the Private Secretary

17 November 1982

EAST TIMOR

The Prime Minister saw UKMIS New York Tel. 1892 reporting the adoption by the Fourth Committee of the UN General Assembly of the Portuguese draft resolution on East Timor.

The Prime Minister has commented that Portugal will expect the Community countries to stand by her in the future.

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TEL NO 1893 OF 15 NOVEMBER 1982
INFO PRIORITY JAKARTA LISBON

MIPT: EAST TIMOR.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OUR STATEMENT DELIVERED IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE:

IN ABSTAINING ON THE RESOLUTION ON EAST TIMOR CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT L8, I SHOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM IS CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT THE CO-SPONSORS HAVE MADE A SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT THIS YEAR TO TABLE A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE TEXT THAN WE HAVE SEEN AT PAST SESSIONS. THE UNITED KINGDOM CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OWN POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS, UNAFFECTED BY PRESSURES OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER. OUR EARNEST HOPE IS THAT FOLLOWING THIS DEBATE, A MORE FAVOURABLE ATMOSPHERE CAN BE CREATED FOR A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHO ALONE HAVE IT IN THEIR POWER TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE: PORTUGAL AND INDONESIA. AS A FRIEND OF BOTH, WE URGE THEM TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DO SO BECAUSE WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT A SOLUTION FAIR AND ACCEPTABLE TO ALL CONCERNED CAN BE FOUND BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS. IN PARTICULAR WE APPEAL TO THEM BOTH TO DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO FIND A SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES AND INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR.

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TEL NO 1892 OF 15 NOVEMBER 1982
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YOUR TEL NO 986: EAST TIMOR

1. THE FOURTH COMMITTEE TODAY (15 NOVEMBER) ADOPTED THE PORTUGUESE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON EAST TIMOR BY 48 (GREECE, IRELAND) - 42 - 54 (REST OF THE TEN). THIS WAS A GOOD RESULT FOR THE INDONESIANS, AND THE PORTUGUESE WILL BE DISAPPOINTED THAT A MORE MODERATE TEXT HAS FAILED TO REVERSE THE GRADUAL SHIFT TOWARDS THE INDONESIAN POSITION.
2. IRELAND TOLD US ONLY TODAY THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE RESOLUTION. AMONG THE TEN, FRG, ITALY AND UK (TEXT IN MIFT) DELIVERED SHORT EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, AS DID AUSTRALIA (VOTING YES AS USUAL) AND GUATEMALA (MOVING FROM NEGATIVE VOTE TO ABSTENTION).
3. THE FIGURES WERE MUCH BETTER FOR INDONESIA THAN THE FOURTH COMMITTEE RESULT LAST YEAR (58 - 40 - 42) THOUGH ONLY SIX VOTES BETTER THAN THE PLENARY RESULT (52 - 42 - 46). MORE THAN TWENTY DELEGATIONS CHANGED THEIR 1981 VOTE, AND THERE MAY BE MORE CHANGES BEFORE THE PLENARY VOTE. MOST OF THEM CANCELLED EACH OTHER OUT, (FULL REPORT FOLLOWS BY BAG) THOUGH THERE WAS A CLEAR SHIFT AMONGST AFRICANS AND SOME CARIBBEANS (ST LUCIA, ANTIGUA) TOWARDS THE INDONESIANS.

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11 November 1982

East Timor

Thank you for your letter of 10 November.

The Prime Minister gained the impression from the Portuguese Vice Prime Minister, during their talk yesterday, that there was rather more likelihood of some members of the Ten abstaining on the draft UN resolution than appears to be the case from the draft telegram which you enclosed.

Mrs Thatcher is, however, content for these instructions to issue on the understanding that if significant members of the Ten decide to vote for the resolution we shall look at the matter again.

~~XX~~ AJC

CRJ

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Prime Minister

I cannot see that, if we join
the EC in obtaining, our position
on Hong Kong will be made more
difficult. Agree?

10 November 1982

John Thomson

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I thought the Annual
indicated a number of
support.

East Timor

B.F.C. members were going to support.

You mentioned to me that the Prime Minister had enquired
about our voting intentions on the East Timor resolution, with
particular reference to the possible implications for our
position on Hong Kong.

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I enclose two self-explanatory draft telegrams to New
York. Sir John Thomson has asked for instructions by 1430
tomorrow, Thursday 11 November.

In the circumstances, I have obviously not been able to show
these drafts to Mr Pym. I shall show him copies on his return
to the office on Thursday evening or Friday morning.

Yours
R B Bone

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
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9 AND REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO PRIORITY JAKARTA, LISBON
10 YOUR TELNO 1846: EAST TIMOR
11 1. We agree that, given your confirmation that the Ten are
12 likely to vote as in previous years (all abstaining except
13 Greece), the right course is for us to abstain. Apart from other
14 considerations, the fact that the draft resolution implicitly
15 equates self-determination with independence continues to present
16 a substantial difficulty (as does the reference to FRETILIN as the
17 presumed standard bearer of East Timorese independence.) The
18 drafting is odd since the Portugese have made it clear enough
19 to us that they have no intention of promoting an independent
20 East Timor ruled by FRETILIN.
21 2. The Portugese were indeed helpful to us over the Falklands,
22 but the fact is that they are asking more of us on the East Timor
23 resolution than we were asking of them on the Argentine
24 resolution. In these circumstances the tilt of opinion
25 within the Ten is of crucial importance. Were either a numerical

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majority inclined to vote for the East Timor resolution or the EC heavyweights (Germany, France) to do so, ~~we would find ourselves in adequate company.~~ But we would be courting trouble with the Indonesians if we were to change our vote on our own or in the company of only the Irish.

3. We have ^{also} ~~naturally~~ given thought to the potential implications of our vote for the substance of our position on, eg Falklands and Hong Kong. The crucial difference on East Timor is that the Portugese had in effect run away and left a vacuum into which the Indonesians, to the silent applause of the West, stepped in order to avoid a takeover by a radical left-wing regime which promised to turn East Timor into the Cuba of South East Asia. But we also think that UK support for the resolution could encourage some people to think that the United Nations might take a hand in Hong Kong.

4. Nevertheless, we owe the Portugese a debt of thanks for their steadfast response on the Falklands. Furthermore, their draft resolution marks a significant advance on previous years and this apparently genuine attempt to move towards reaching a settlement with Indonesia deserves to be recognised. The Portugese have made it sufficiently clear to us that, if we felt unable actually to vote with them, they would at least hope that we could qualify our abstention with some benevolent words. MIFT contains a suggested text.

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9 AND REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO PRIORITY JAKARTA, LISBON
10 MIPT: EAST TIMOR
11 1. Following is explanation of vote: In abstaining on the draft
12 resolution which we have before us, I should like to underline
13 that the United Kingdom is conscious of the fact that the co-
14 sponsors have made a substantial effort to table a more constructive
15 text than we have seen in past years. As I hope is generally
16 known, the United Kingdom has continued to feel that the people
17 of East Timor deserve the opportunity to express a view as to
18 their future, unaffected by pressures of one kind or another.
19 It would not be our view that they would necessarily opt for
20 independence. Our hope would be that following this debate, a
21 more favourable atmosphere will be created for a dialogue
22 between the two parties who alone have it in their power to
23 resolve this issue - Portugal and Indonesia. As a friend of both,
24 we urge them to do so because we firmly believe that a solution
25 fair and acceptable to all concerned can be found by quiet

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Unofficial translation of the message addressed to the British Prime Minister

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T 212A/02

I have the honour to refer to the message you recently addressed to me requesting the support of my Government regarding the voting on the Resolution concerning the Falklands, which just took place at the General Assembly of the United Nations.

As it was transmitted in due time to the British Embassy in Lisbon, the position of abstention taken by my Government, in spite of the significant number of Portuguese citizens living in Argentina, our traditional good relations with that country and the various approaches we have had from Buenos Aires, reflected the understanding and the active support given by Portugal since the beginning of the crisis.

The historic and close links between our two countries lead me also to address myself to you in order to put to you now a matter which is deeply worrying both the Portuguese political circles and public opinion: the case of East Timor which will soon be debated at the Fourth Commission of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

For the last seven years the question of East Timor has appeared, as a separate item, in the Agenda of the General Assembly, without having been possible to find an acceptable solution by the International Community which would take into account the legitimate rights and interests of the people of Timor to freely choose their future, an aim that Portugal, as the administrative power, continues to pursue, as always, with firm conviction and willingness.

In this spirit, my Government has tried to create conditions to overcome the present impasse having decided for that purpose, for the first time, to sponsor together with other States, including all Portuguese speaking countries, a new draft resolution about East Timor. Such a draft resolution has, as its main distinctive feature, a great preoccupation for moderation and open-mindedness, in order to establish the necessary dialogue between the parties directly involved in order to obtain a global solution for the problem, namely the grave and still unresolved humanitarian questions which are tragically affecting the living conditions of the people of East Timor.

This new draft resolution would therefore not only discard any hostile purpose or idea of confrontation with Indonesia, but would open, with all

flexibility, positive ways to unblock the question, by using the mechanisms available to the International Community, through the United Nations Charter, to impose the rights and duties consecrated in that same Charter.

It is, therefore, also in this same context that, for the first time, an appeal to the Secretary General of the United Nations is being made to initiate consultations with the view to explore all paths that may lead to a comprehensive settlement of the East Timor question.

I would also like to reiterate that the Portuguese stance is totally devoid of any territorial claim to East Timor. The only objective of my country is to see that a genuine de-colonization process will take place there, in accordance with the rules of international law and the principles of the United Nations Charter.

I have much pleasure, therefore, in informing you that this position is obtaining a greater understanding by many countries, namely within the EEC, and I would like to stress the positive role the Belgium Government intends to play in order to plead within the EEC in favour of this draft resolution which they consider deserves a positive vote and not an abstention.

In these circumstances my Government hopes that Her Majesty's Government may be able to take a more helpful attitude towards Portugal on the question of East Timor by supporting the draft resolution and thus contributing towards a similar consensus to be formed among the other EEC countries.

I avail myself of this opportunity to present to you the assurance of my highest consideration.

s) Francisco Pinto Balsemão
Prime Minister of Portugal.

8.11.82



PRESIDÊNCIA DO CONSELHO DE MINISTROS

Gabinete do Primeiro Ministro

Lisboa, 8 de Novembro de 1982

António Bernardino

Tenho a honra de referir-me à mensagem que Vossa Excelência me dirigiu recentemente para solicitar o apoio do meu Governo na votação da resolução sobre as Falkland, a qual acaba de ter lugar na Assembleia Geral das Nações Unidas.

Conforme foi oportunamente transmitido à Embaixada Britânica em Lisboa, a posição de abstenção assumida pelo meu Governo, não obstante a existência de uma significativa comunidade portuguesa na Argentina, as tradicionais boas relações com aquele país e as diversas diligências realizadas junto de nós por Buenos Aires, reflectiu a compreensão e o apoio activo de Portugal desde o início da crise.

As históricas e estreitas relações entre os nossos dois países levam-me também a dirigir-me pessoalmente a Vossa Excelência para expôr um assunto que suscita funda preocupação nos meios políticos e na opinião pública portuguesa: o caso de Timor-Leste cujo debate na 4.^a Comissão da Assembleia Geral das Nações Unidas deverá começar no início desta semana.



Desde há sete anos que a questão de Timor-Oriental figura, como um item separado, na Agenda da Assembleia Geral, sem que tenha sido possível encontrar para ela uma solução aceitável pela Comunidade Internacional e que tivesse em conta os legítimos direitos e interesses do povo timorense a escolher livremente o seu destino, objectivo que Portugal, como Potência Administrante, continua a prosseguir, como sempre o tem feito, com firme convicção e empenho.

Neste espírito, tem procurado o meu Governo criar as condições que permitam ultrapassar o presente impasse, havendo para tanto decidido, pela primeira vez, co-patrocinar juntamente com outros países nos quais se incluem todos os de língua portuguesa, uma nova proposta de resolução sobre Timor-Leste, caracterizada sobretudo por uma grande preocupação de moderação e abertura, com vista ao estabelecimento do diálogo indispensável entre as partes directamente interessadas, na procura de uma solução global do problema, de signadamente das graves questões humanitárias pendentes e que afectam tragicamente as condições de vida do povo timorense.

Assim, esta nova proposta de resolução não só afasta propósitos de hostilidade ou confrontação em relação à Indonésia, como visa proporcionar, com toda a flexibilidade, as vias concretas para o desbloqueamento da questão, mediante a utilização dos mecanismos com que a Carta das Nações Unidas dotou a Comunidade Internacional, para fazer respeitar os direitos e os deveres que ela própria consagra.



É portanto neste contexto que também, pela primeira vez, se faz apelo ao Secretário Geral das Nações Unidas para iniciar as consultas com vista a explorar todas as vias que possam conduzir a um "comprehensive settlement" da questão de Timor-Leste.

Permito-me reiterar ainda a Vossa Excelência que a posição portuguesa se caracteriza antes de tudo pela total ausência de qualquer pretensão ou reivindicação territorial em relação a Timor-Leste. O único objectivo pretendido pelo meu país é o de ver ali conduzido um genuíno processo de descolonização, em conformidade com as regras do Direito Internacional e os princípios da Carta das Nações Unidas.

Muito me apraz, por conseguinte, salientar a Vossa Excelência que esta posição está a suscitar uma maior compreensão por parte de numerosos países, nomeadamente no âmbito da C.E.E., em relação à qual me cumpre destacar o papel positivo que o Governo Belga se propõe desempenhar no sentido de defender junto dos restantes países comunitários a proposta de resolução em apreço, por considerar a mesma merecedora de apoio e não de abstenção.



PRESIDÊNCIA DO CONSELHO DE MINISTROS

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Gabinete do Primeiro Ministro

Nestas circunstâncias, o meu Governo manifesta a esperança de que o Governo de Vossa Excelência possa assumir uma atitude de maior apoio a Portugal, alterando o seu voto e contribuindo para que no contexto da Comunidade Europeia se obtenha um consenso no mesmo sentido.

Aproveito a ocasião para apresentar a Vossa Excelência os protestos da minha mais elevada consideração.

O PRIMEIRO-MINISTRO

A Sua Excelência
a Senhora Margaret Thatcher
Primeiro-Ministro da
Grã-Bretanha

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With the compliments of

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1833 OF 5 NOVEMBER
INFO PRIORITY LISBON, JAKARTA.

YOUR TELNO 957: EAST TIMOR

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON EAST TIMOR WHICH WAS TABLED TODAY (5 NOVEMBER) AND WILL BE TAKEN IN THE FOURTH COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK, ON 10 NOVEMBER AT THE EARLIEST. WE SHALL TELEGRAPH ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON 8 NOVEMBER. THE TEXT IS SUBSTANTIALLY THAT SENT TO SEAD BY FACSIMILE ON 1 NOVEMBER, WITH SOME MODIFICATION TO THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS.

2. TEXT READS:
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, CONTAINED IN ITS RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960 AND OTHER RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS,

HAVING EXAMINED THE CHAPTER OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES RELATING TO EAST TIMOR AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS,

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR,

TAKING NOTE OF RESOLUTION 1982/20 ADOPTED BY THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1982,

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL, AS THE ADMINISTERING POWER,

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF INDONESIA,

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRETE REVOLUCIONARIA DE TIMOR LESTE INDEPENDENTE AND OF VARIOUS EAST TIMOR PETITIONERS, AS WELL AS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,

BEARING IN MIND THAT PORTUGAL, THE ADMINISTERING POWER, HAS STATED ITS FULL AND SOLEMN COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE,

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BEARING IN MIND ALSO ITS RESOLUTIONS 3485 (XXX) OF 12 DECEMBER 1975, 31/53 OF 1 DECEMBER 1976, 32/34 OF 28 NOVEMBER 1977, 33/39 OF 13 DECEMBER 1978, 34/40 OF 21 NOVEMBER 1979, 35/27 OF 11 NOVEMBER 1980 AND 36/50 OF 24 NOVEMBER 1981,

CONCERNED WITH THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION PREVAILING IN THE TERRITORY AND BELIEVING THAT ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR AND TO GUARANTEE TO THESE PEOPLE THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF THEIR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS,

1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INITIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, WITH A VIEW TO EXPLORING AVENUES FOR ACHIEVING A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM, AND TO REPORT THEREON TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION:

2. REQUESTS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES TO KEEP THE SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND TO RENDER ALL ASSISTANCE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION:

3. CALLS UPON ALL SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, IN PARTICULAR THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, IMMEDIATELY TO ASSIST, WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE, THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR, IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH PORTUGAL, AS THE ADMINISTERING POWER:

4. DECIDES TO INCLUDE IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF ITS THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION THE ITEM ENTITLED "QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR".

3. VOTING INTENTIONS OF THE TEN
IN A MEETING OF THE TEN ON 5 NOVEMBER, GREECE ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION. THE FRG WOULD DEFINITELY ABSTAIN, AND ITALY AND FRANCE WOULD PROBABLY DO LIKEWISE. THE IRISH WERE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING TO A VOTE IN FAVOUR. BELGIUM WOULD BE PREPARED TO VOTE IN FAVOUR IF A MAJORITY OF THE TEN DID SO, BUT ACCEPTED THAT THERE WOULD IN FACT BE NO SUCH MAJORITY.

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Inches 1 2 3
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Colour Chart #13

Blue Cyan Green Yellow

