



MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Directors
Environmental Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau

FROM : The OIC Director
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON TIMOR LESTE'S REVISED DRAFT SERVICES OFFER FOR ITS ACCESSION TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO)**

DATE : 13 MAY 2022

This refers to the e-mail dated 12 May 2022 from the Bureau of International Trade Relations of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI-BITR) requesting for comments/ inputs on Timor-Leste's (TL) revised draft services offer as part of its accession process to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

In the Bilateral Meeting between TL and PH held on 22 April 2022, PH expressed its interest and support for TL's accession to the WTO, taking into account its parallel ongoing accession process to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The PH Mission stated that we registered our interest to engage in bilateral market access negotiation with TL given the historical and potential improvements in our bilateral trade and investment relations.

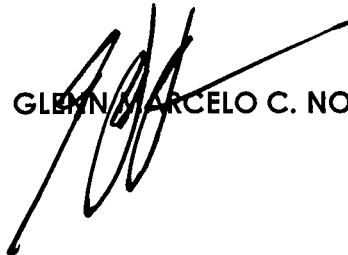
Ambassador Manuel A.J. Teehankee, PH Permanent Representative to the WTO in Geneva shared during the meeting that agriculture, fisheries, goods, and services are PH's general areas of interest. Meanwhile, TL identified energy (oil and gas) and fisheries (aquaculture) sectors as areas with great investment potential.

On the attached revised draft services offer of TL (Annex D of the Mission Report [ZWTO-86-2022]), the following are the proposed environmental services offer:

- a. Sewage services (CPC 9401)
- b. Refuse disposal services (CPC 9402)
- c. Sanitation and similar services (CPC 9403)
- d. Other
 - Cleaning services of exhaust gases (CPC 9404)
 - Noise and vibration Abatement Services (CPC 9405)
 - Remediation and clean-up of soil and water, protection of biodiversity and landscape (CPC 9406**)

Considering that the abovementioned environmental services fall under the Bureau's purview, we would like to seek for your comments/ inputs. We would appreciate receiving an advance copy of your position paper **by 19 May 2022**, through this e-mail address: psddivision@gmail.com, copy furnished policy@denr.gov.ph.

For your appropriate action, please.



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[TCWM For action: DL by 20 May 2022] ZWTO-86-2022: Accession of Timor-Leste to the WTO – 3rd Working Party Meeting and Bilateral Meeting with the Philippines

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Attention: BOI, DA, TC, NEDA, BSP, DOF, DENR, DOTr

Dear Sir/Madame:

Kindly find enclosed a copy of the Geneva WTO-PM report regarding the updates on the status of Timor-Leste's accession process to the WTO (ZWTO-86-2022 dated 03 May 2022).

At the outset, Mission as well as the BTR extends its appreciation to the preliminary inputs provided by the TCWM on the PH's specific market access interests.

Bilateral Meeting between TL and PH (22 April 2022)

PH expressed interest in and support for TL's accession to the WTO, taking into account its parallel ongoing accession process to the ASEAN. Mission stated that the PH registered its interest to engage in bilateral market access negotiation with TL given the historical and potential improvements in our bilateral trade and investment relations. It was also conveyed that Manila is still in the process of reviewing TL's initial market access offers on goods and services and is currently conducting domestic consultations on our market access interests.

Ambassador Teehankee shared that agriculture, fisheries, goods, and services are PH's general areas of interest. TL identified energy (oil and gas) and fisheries (aquaculture) sectors as areas with great investment potential.

TL shared that they have conducted preliminary bilateral consultations with delegations of the United States, European Union, Australia, Japan, Indonesia, and New Zealand.

Comments/Recommendations: Mission requests TCWM to review the latest market access offers for the preparation of the PH's confirmed market access list to be submitted to TL.

3rd Working Party (WP) Meeting on the Accession of TL (29 April 2022)

TL reaffirmed its determination to complete the WTO accession process by early 2023. Several delegations expressed support and commended TL for its commitment to advance the accession process noting its fast-paced progress.

On the bilateral front, TL reported significant advances since July 2021 in market access negotiations with Members. It is also revising the initial offers on goods and services to respond to Members' requests. TL looks forward to sign some of the bilateral market access agreements on the margins of MC12. To date, nine members have expressed interest in bilateral market access negotiations with TL, namely, Australia, Cambodia, Canada, European Union, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, **Philippines**, and United States.

On the multilateral front, the Secretariat will prepare a WP Draft Report on the basis of the discussions of the 3rd WP and inputs to be received after the meeting, including any additional proposed draft commitments. The date of the next meeting will depend on the availability of the required inputs from Dili. The WP Chair suggested to have another meeting in Autumn 2022, given TL's desire to advance the accession process towards its conclusion as swiftly as possible.

2nd Round Table on Technical Assistance with Development Partners (29 April 2022)

The round table was attended by Members and multilateral partners who exchanged their experiences on their ongoing support for TL's accession.

Development partners present at the round table were representatives from the ITC, WB, UNCTAD, UNIDO, and EIF among others. Members who attended the meeting were Australia, European Union, United States, Indonesia, **Philippines**, Thailand, Singapore, Portugal, Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, Kenya, China, Brazil, Cambodia, Vietnam, and India.

TL has identified support required for assistance to include human capacity building, financial support, technical assistance, and trainings.

Next Steps

Mission will appreciate receiving the TCWM's confirmed list of PH's bilateral market access interests or counteroffer to TL's market access offers on goods and services as soon as practicable.

The advance copy of the final draft revision of TL's services offer is attached as Annex D to the Mission report. This document is yet to be circulated by TL to WTO members pending final clearance. TL is keen to receive the Philippines' inputs on the offer prior to finalizing the offers and submission to the WTO Secretariat for official circulation this month.

In view of this, the TCWM Secretariat would appreciate receiving further comments/inputs from BOI, DA and TC on the proposed PH market access request list for TL (see attached **Annexes A and A.1**). Further, may we request for comments and inputs from NEDA, BSP, DOF, DENR and DOTr on TL's revised draft services offer (**Annex D of the Mission report: ZWTO-86-2022**). We hope to receive response on both requests on or before 20 May 2022.

For the TCWM members' information and appropriate action.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,
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
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3 attachments

 **ZWTO-86-2022_Accession of Timor-Leste to the WTO – 3rd Working Party Meeting and Bilateral Meeting with the Philippines.pdf**
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 **Annex A_Proposed PH Market Access Request List for TL.docx**
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 **Annex A.1_Appendix_Timor Leste-TC Trade Data.xlsx**
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**Accession to the WTO, Bilateral Trade and Recommendation in Developing the
Bilateral Market Access Request List for Goods and Services**

Proposed PH Market Access Request List for TL

Should PH decide to negotiate for market access despite historically low volume of trade with TL, the Tariff Commission (TC) in 2021 identified an initial market access request list comprised of the following:

- a) PH actual exports to TL (see Annex B.1: Appendix A); and
- b) PH products that may be potentially exported to TL (see Annex B.1: Appendix B).

Potential exports to TL were determined based on the following criteria: imported by TL from ASEAN (excluding PH) in 2019 which are locally produced in PH and with exports to the world (excluding TL).

A total of 727 tariff lines (at HS 6-digit level) are recommended for the PH market access list to TL, 650 of which are products that the PH can potentially export to TL (shown in Table 1). PH may consider to negotiate to bind products in its market access request list at agreed levels.

Table 1: Summary of Proposed PH Market Access Request List to TL

Composition of Proposed Request List	Number of Products (at HS 6-digit level)
PH Actual Exports to TL	77
PH Potential Exports to TL	650
Total	727

To further visualize PH's potential exports to TL, the DTI-Export Marketing Bureau (EMB) identified top products with positive untapped potential value (shown in Table 2). Based on the export potential assessment undertaken by the International Trade Centre (ITC), the Philippines has unrealized export potential to Timor-Leste amounting to **USD 260,000**, of which USD 105,000 is frictions-based export potential and USD 156,000 is growth-based potential.

Table 2: Top PH Products with Positive Untapped Potential Value to TL

	HS Code	Description	Total Unrealized Export potential (in USD thousand)	Friction Based Export Potential (in USD thousand)	Growth Based Export Potential (in USD Thousand)
1	2202X X	Non-alcoholic beverages	82	36	46
2	11010 0	Wheat or meslin flour	31	8	23
3	22021 0	Waters as beverage	22	9	13
4	16041 4	Prepared or preserved tunas	21	8	13
5	19023 0	Pasta	18	8	10
6	84XXX c	Other office machines	17	3	14

7	88033 0	Airplane/helicopter parts, nes	15	7	8
8	2009X X	Juice of fruit or vegetables, unfermented	13	5	8
9	16041 3	Prepared or preserved sardines	12	4	7
10	33072 0	Personal deodorants & antiperspirants	11	5	7
11	8708X X	Parts & accessories of motor vehicles, nes	10	3	7
12	21039 0	Preparations for sauces & prepared sauces	8	8	0
13	19059 0	Bread, pastry	0	0	0
		TOTAL	260	105	156

Source: EMB

In addition, as TL is in the process of diversifying its economy and shift from subsistence agriculture, a growing demand for all types of consumer goods is expected. The following PH products present export opportunities to TL:

- I. Food and beverages
 - a. Non-alcoholic beverages / waters
 - b. Juice of fruits or vegetables, unfermented
 - c. Bread, pastry
 - d. Cereals processed (wheat or meslin flour)
 - e. Prepared or preserved tunas
 - f. Pasta
 - g. Prepared or preserved sardines
 - h. Sauces and preparations therefor; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings
- II. Electronics
 - a. Electronic integrated circuits
 - b. processors and controllers, whether or not combined with memories, converters, logic circuits, amplifiers, clock and timing circuits, or other circuits
- III. Other PH products with a relative comparative advantage¹: minerals, paper goods, metals, instruments, textiles, chemicals, and miscellaneous products.

On services, the BSP's Balance of Payments (BOP) statistics shows that net receipts in the trade in services account amounted to USD 13.1 billion in 2020, registering a marginal increase of 0.3 percent from the USD 13 billion posted in 2019. The said increase was due to higher net receipts of other business services, particularly technical, trade-related and other business services, along with lower net payments of financial services, charges for the use of intellectual property, and travel services. These gains were offset partly by higher net payments of 1) transport, 2) telecommunication, computer and information, and 3) construction services as well as the reversal of personal and cultural services to net payments, and lower net receipts of manufacturing services. Table 3 and Table 4 summarizes PH's top services exports and imports.

Table 3: Top PH Services Exports (in million USD)

Rank	Subsector	2019 Exports	2020 Exports	Differenc	%
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¹ Source: Observatory of Economic Complexity (OEC) - <https://oec.world>

		Value	% Share	Value	% Share	e	Change
	TOTAL EXPORTS	41,264.02	100	31,410.40	100	-9,853.62	-24%
1	Other business services: Technical, trade-related, and other business services	17,232.63	42%	17,493.25	56%	260.62	2%
2	Telecommunications, computer, and information services: Computer services	5,545.89	13%	5,187.53	17%	-358.36	-6%
3	Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	4,338.70	11%	4,046.35	13%	-292.35	-7%
4	Travel	9,780.59	24%	2,009.61	6%	-7,770.98	-79%
5	Transport	2,883.33	7%	1,678.27	5%	-1,205.05	-42%

Source: BSP as processed by BITR

Table 4: Top PH Services Imports (in million USD)

Rank	Subsector	2019 Imports		2020 Imports		Difference	% Change
		Value	% Share	Value	% Share		
	TOTAL IMPORTS	28,224.65	100	18,330.77	100	-9,893.88	-35%
1	Other business services: Technical, trade-related, and other business services	5,154.56	18%	4,668.53	25%	-486.03	-9%
2	Travel	12,037.62	43%	4,567.88	25%	-7,469.74	-62%
3	Transport: Freight	3,808.63	13%	3,483.71	19%	-324.93	-9%
4	Telecommunications, computer, and information services	1,332.21	5%	1,518.12	8%	185.91	14%
5	Insurance and pension services	1,643.66	6%	1,308.96	7%	-334.70	-20%

Source: BSP as processed by BITR

While there is very limited data on PH and TL's services trade, there may be scope for the country to explore opportunities in gaining market access for its services industries since they are one of the strongest and fast-growing sectors of the PH economy. These may include, though not limited to, management consultancy, education, computer and related services, medical and health services, engineering and related construction services, architecture and design services, and financial and banking services. Moreover, given the significant success of PH in the BPO sector, it may also be worth considering the new opportunities in digital trade, particularly in the creative industries.

On construction services, it is worth noting that TL has been undertaking infrastructure development projects across the country after gaining independence from Indonesia in 2002. Their main imports into the country include capital goods which are required to rebuild the country's underdeveloped infrastructure. Construction is booming in TL with it being the largest single source of employment and business registration, with around 30 per cent of employment and business registered.

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Further to ZWTO-178-2021 and the TCWM's instruction dated 20 September 2021 to engage in a bilateral market access negotiation with Timor-Leste, Mission is pleased to provide updates on the status of Timor-Leste's process of accession to the WTO.

1. Bilateral Meeting with the Philippines

On 22 April 2022, Ambassador Manuel A.J. Teehankee led the Philippine Mission in meeting with the Timor-Leste (TL) delegation to express interest in and support for TL's accession to the WTO, taking into account its parallel ongoing accession process to the ASEAN. TL delegation was led by Hon. Estanislau da Silva, Senior Advisor and Former Prime Minister of Timor-Leste. He was joined in-person by their Permanent Representative to the UNOG in Geneva, H.E. Lurdes Bessa, and virtually by H.E. Mr. Joaquim Amaral, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs and Chief Negotiator. Representatives from their ministries of agriculture and fisheries, transportation, economic affairs, central bank, customs and tax authority were also present in the meeting.

The Philippines commended TL's dedication to the WTO accession process as it commits itself to the rules-based multilateral trading system. We noted that TL's WTO membership would help leverage the ongoing improvements in its infrastructure, human capital and administrative capacity, and accelerate its growth and economic diversification. It would also set a stepping-stone for TL's accession to the ASEAN.

Mission stated that we registered our interest to engage in bilateral market access negotiation with TL given the historical and potential improvements in our bilateral trade and investment relations. We highlighted that we are keen to participate in the multilateral, plurilateral and bilateral processes of TL's accession to the WTO as they provide the opportunity to enhance the market access opportunities between our two countries.

We conveyed that Capital is still in the process of reviewing TL's initial market access offers on goods and services and is currently conducting domestic consultations on our market access interests. We stated that we will submit this list to TL in due course and we look forward to working closely with TL towards its successful accession to the WTO.

Among the general areas of interests for the Philippines shared by Ambassador Teehankee to the TL delegation were agriculture, fisheries, goods, and services, particularly to take advantage of the growth in the services sector for our mutual benefit. The Ambassador also encouraged the exploration of investment opportunities in TL and added that Philippines has a number of multinational corporations that may wish to invest in TL. In response, TL identified their energy (oil and gas) and fisheries (aquaculture) sectors as areas with great investment potential. Other potential areas for Philippine investments to TL suggested by Ambassador Teehankee were geothermal energy, real estate and electronics.

TL emphasized that they have developed a roadmap and action plan to manage their WTO accession process. They are also working on their revised market access offers to be issued after the 3rd Working Party meeting. Furthermore, they expressed their goal to expedite their accession to the ASEAN as well.

TL shared that they have conducted preliminary bilateral consultations with the delegations of the United States, European Union, Australia, Japan, Indonesia, and New Zealand. The US and EU, among others, have submitted questions to which they have provided responses in document WT/ACC/TLS/20. Indonesia, on the other hand, has submitted specific counter offers to their initial market access offers and they will engage into bilateral negotiations.

They also shared that they have received various assistance from different development partners such as from the governments of New Zealand and Australia, USAID, World Bank, and the International Trade Centre, among others.

In response, Ambassador Teehankee noted the Philippines' willingness to assist TL in its accession process and noted the possibility of technical assistance from the Philippines. Thus, TL invited the Philippines to attend the 2nd Round Table on Technical Assistance with Development Partners to be held after the 3rd Working Party Meeting on 29 April 2022.

Mission appreciates the preliminary inputs provided by the TCWM on the Philippines' specific market access interests and we invite TCWM to review the latest market access offers for the preparation of the Philippines' market access list to be submitted to TL.

2. 3rd Working Party (WP) on the Accession of Timor-Leste, 29 April 2022

At the third meeting of the Working Party on the Accession of Timor-Leste on 29 April, the Government of Timor-Leste reaffirmed its determination to complete the accession process by early 2023. WTO members welcomed the active engagement and concrete steps taken by Timor-Leste in recent months in its endeavour to advance and conclude WTO accession negotiations.

Several delegations expressed support to the accession process and commended TL for its commitment to advance the accession process noting its fast-paced progress, considering it has just initiated its application in 2016. TL also demonstrated its strong commitment to the process by sending a high-level delegation of officials from Dili to the WP meeting in Geneva.

Mr Joaquim Amaral, Coordinating Minister of Economic Affairs and Chief Negotiator for WTO Accession, led the Timorese delegation, which included 37 senior officials from a range of ministries and government agencies, both physically present in Geneva and connected virtually from the capital, Dili.

In his opening statement, Mr Amaral said that this Working Party meeting marked an important landmark and demonstrated that Timor-Leste has all the necessary elements in place to work towards joining the WTO: strong political will at the highest level and across all partisan lines; readiness to promptly advance with setting up the necessary legislative and policy frameworks, with the involvement of all stakeholders; and a dedicated negotiating team.

He added that the "WTO accession is one of the main economic and trade policy objectives enshrined in Timor-Leste's Vision for 2030, necessary to help achieve faster economic growth, diversification and transformation into an upper middle-income economy with a healthy, well-educated and safe population. As our nation celebrates 20 years of its independence, we believe Timor-Leste's integration in the multilateral trading system is an important step that needs to be taken as expeditiously as possible. We are ready to work hard together with members, to make it happen". The agenda and full delegation list for this meeting may be accessed in the dedicated webpage on Timor-Leste Accession at www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/acc_e/tls_e/a1_timor_lesete_e.htm.

Ambassador Rui Macieira of Portugal, Chair of the Working Party, reminded members that Timor-Leste is an LDC and drew their attention to the 2002 LDC Accession Guidelines, together with its addendum adopted by the General Council in 2012, calling on members to facilitate and accelerate the negotiations of LDC accessions.

On the bilateral front, Timor-Leste reported significant advances since July 2021 in market access negotiations with members. Timor-Leste also said it is revising the initial offers on goods and services to respond to requests by members. Timor-Leste hopes it can sign some of the bilateral market access agreements on the margins of MC12. To date, 9 members have expressed interest for bilateral market access negotiations with TL, namely, Australia, Cambodia, Canada, European Union, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Philippines, and United States.

The chair invited Timor-Leste to circulate its revised market access offers on goods and services, to provide responses to members' questions together with its revised Agriculture Supporting Tables and the SPS Checklist, and to continue updating its Legislative Action Plan and submitting translations of draft and adopted WTO-related legislation. He urged Timor-Leste to expedite its work on the adoption of the remaining draft legislation to make sure that all legislation scheduled for enactment before WTO accession is adopted in a timely manner.

On the multilateral front, he asked the Secretariat to prepare a Draft Report of the Working Party on the basis of the discussions of the 3rd Working Party and inputs to be received after this meeting, including any additional proposed draft commitments.

The timing of the next meeting will depend on the availability of the required inputs from Dili. Ambassador Macieira suggested another meeting in autumn 2022, given Timor-Leste's desire to advance the accession process towards its conclusion as swiftly as possible.

3. Second Round Table on Technical Assistance with Development Partners

Following the 3rd WP meeting, the 2nd Technical Assistance Roundtable with Development Partners was held in the afternoon of 29 April 2022. The 1st roundtable was held in November 2020, following the 1st WP meeting in October 2020.

The round table was moderated by WTO Deputy-Director General Xiangchen Zhang, which aimed to update members and development partners on Timor-Leste's accession-related needs in technical assistance and capacity building, and to coordinate available donor support in a timely manner.

The focus of TL for the 2nd round table was to work towards the conclusion of their accession process. They noted that they have established a National Secretariat to facilitate this process to accelerate their accession. The round table was attended by members and multilateral partners who exchanged their experiences on their ongoing support to Timor-Leste's accession.

Development partners present in the round table were representatives from the International Trade Centre, World Bank, UNCTAD, UNIDO, EIF, among others. Members who attended the meeting were Australia, European Union, United States, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Portugal, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom, Kenya, China, Brazil, Cambodia, Vietnam, and India.

Timor-Leste has identified the following support required for assistance: Human Capacity Building; Financial support; Technical Assistance; and Trainings.

Provided in *Annex A* to *Annex C* are the following: (i) the opening remarks by H.E. Minister Amaral, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs (MCAE) and Chief Negotiator on WTO Accession of Timor-Leste; (ii) presentation by the UNOPS/EIF on Timor-Leste's accession-related needs; and (iii) the Matrix detailing the information on possible areas for cooperation, by institution, based on Timor-Leste's evolving needs in the WTO and ASEAN accessions.

Next steps

Mission will appreciate receiving the TCWM 's confirmed list of Philippines' bilateral market access interests or counteroffer on Timor-Leste's market access offer on goods and services as soon as practicable.

Furthermore, attached in *Annex D* is an advance copy of the final draft revision of TL's Services Offer. Kindly note that this document is yet to be circulated by TL to Members pending final clearance. TL is keen to receive Philippines' input on the offer prior to finalising the offers and submission to the WTO Secretariat for official circulation this month.

For the Department and TCWM's consideration.



MANUEL A.J. TEEHANKEE
Ambassador and Permanent Representative



REPÚBLICA DEMOCRÁTICA DE TIMOR-LESTE
MINISTRO COORDENADOR DE ASSUNTOS ECONÓMICOS

**Opening Remarks of HE the Coordinating Minister for
Economic Affairs and Chief Negotiator**

**2nd Round Table Development Partners Meeting
29 April 2022**

Your Excellency Ambassador Zhang, Deputy Director-General
of the World Trade Organization,

Your Excellency Ambassador Rui Macieira, Permanent
Representative of Portugal and Chair of the Working Party
Group on the Accession of Timor-Leste to the World Trade
Organization,

Your Excellencies Permanent Representatives and Ambassadors
of our Development Partners,

Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon,

First, I would like to thank the WTO Secretariat again for
organizing this important event for Timor-Leste.

Second, on behalf of the Government of Timor-Leste, I would like to address my profound gratitude and appreciation to our Development Partners for their sustained support and commitment.

Finally, I would like to thank the ASEAN member states today and have engaged with Timor-Leste in negotiations to strengthen our commercial links within the WTO.

Timor-Leste recognizes that the WTO and the ASEAN accession processes are integrated and complementary. Our desire to join these organizations has done nothing but multiply our efforts and will to strengthen our governance arrangements, develop our human capital, and boost our institution-building initiatives.

On behalf of the Government, I would like to acknowledge the organization's efforts and the ASEAN member states to maintain the momentum and move on with our accession process even with the situation provoked by the COVID Pandemic.

**Excellences,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I hope that today's meeting will bring fruitful outcomes and will allow us to strengthen even further our cooperation in this decisive step for the accession of Timor-Leste to the World Trade Organization.

It has been a long way since 2015 when Timor-Leste submitted its application, and since then, we have worked very hard to fulfil the standards and requisites of the WTO.

We believe that having the capacity to participate effectively in global trade is one of the crucial challenges for Timor-Leste's economic growth.

Like many other countries during the Pandemic, Timor-Leste has faced enormous difficulties. We have struggled to keep pace with our development goals, and we have tried not to get behind in the highly-competitive globalized world.

**Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Being at this stage is a great achievement, while my technical team will present you later in this roundtable on our outcomes and sectorial needs more specifically in a document.

I am glad to inform you that Timor-Leste is much closer to becoming a proud member of the World Trade Organization.

We have successfully organized three working party meetings in less than two years, and we have been working non-stop to submit the required negotiation documents swiftly.

We have submitted our initial offers on goods and services, and we plan on submitting the revised ones in May.

We have been updating our Legislative Action Plan, and many required amendments and new pieces of legislation have already entered into force.

We have also increased our technical readiness during this period by training and preparing our technical team and experts in all the relevant line ministries and national institutions.

I am pleased to inform you that our commitment goes beyond our access to the Organisation. Thus, the establishment of a National Permanent Secretariat will oversee and coordinate the accession process and safeguard the effective implementation of the WTO-related agreements following our accession.

**Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We could not have achieved all this without your assistance and support.

It's almost impossible to thank all our friends and development partners. However, I would like to express our profound gratitude to Australia and the Enhanced Integrated Framework, which have become our leading partners.

I would also like to show my most sincere appreciation to the governments of New Zealand and the United States of America and to the International Trade Centre, the World Intellectual Property Organisation and the World Bank.

The Government of Australia and New Zealand has been deeply involved through the Governance for Development Program since Timor-Leste obtained its observer status. Australia's technical assistance has been paramount to elaborate on the new goods and services offered. Its support is critical to harmonizing our legal framework with the WTO requirements. Moreover, the Australian Government is financing international and national

technical experts in various sectors to facilitate our accession process.

The EIF, through the project "Institutional Capacity Building for Timor-Leste's WTO Accession and Trade Integration" has provided significant assistance to Timor-Leste on capacity building. Also, EIF has contributed to strengthening, through different initiatives, the institutional coordination between the various national bodies involved.

Our technical team members have used the training program provided by the Government of New Zealand through technical English and other trade and policy-related courses.

The United States of America has provided technical experts to conduct an assessment on tariff analysis on goods. The assessment outcomes have become a very important reference for Timor-Leste to prepare its Market Access Offers on goods.

The ITC has assisted Timor-Leste in conducting a thorough regulatory audit on services. This audit has been essential for Timor-Leste to prepare its Market Access Offers on Services.

Timor-Leste signed an MoU with WIPO last year. The organization is already founding a national expert who will liaise with WIPO and will facilitate the set up of an IP office and the drafting of the basic legal framework regarding intellectual property in the country.

Last but not least, the World Bank Group is assisting Timor-Leste by conducting a tariff analysis methodology on goods which is very useful data and a reference for Timor-Leste to work on its revised Market Access Offer on Goods.

With your sustained assistance, I trust that we will fulfil the requirements for graduation, and Timor-Leste will become a member of the WTO in February 2023, as expected in our revised roadmap.

**Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Before concluding my speech, I would like to thank His Excellency the Ambassador Rui Macieira, as the President of the Working Party on the Accession of Timor-Leste.

I would also like to recognize the endless support provided by the WTO Secretariat through its Accessions Division and its experts.

To conclude, and while we recognize the paramount importance of the ongoing support we receive, I would like to kindly continue requesting the WTO members and development partners to provide us with added tailored support so that Timor-Leste can adequate its structures and capacities to be in line with multilateral trading rules and regulations.

Thank you so much.

ANNEX B



DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS COORDINATION MEETING
TIMOR-LESTE ACCESSION TO THE WTO

GENEVA
29 APRIL 2022

INTRODUCTION



ABOUT MATRIX

Matrix is developed by the Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs coordinated with 12 government institutions.

OBJECTIVE

To present the details information about potential cooperation from each institution and guide the Government Institutions and the development partners to establish the possible cooperation based on the needs for Accession to the WTO and ASEAN.



LISTS OF THE SUPPORT REQUIRED

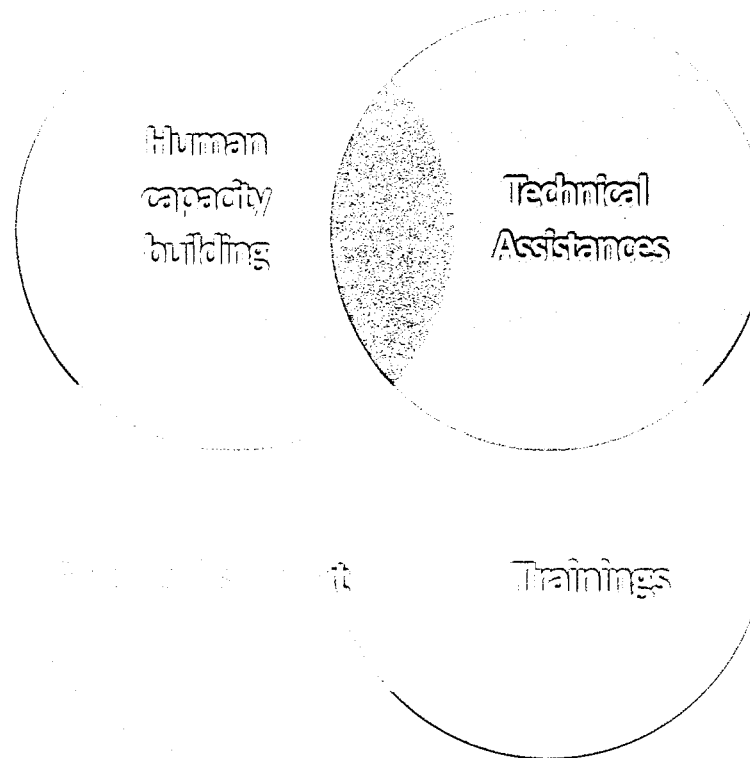
Each Institution presents the lists of support required, with clear objectives and time frame as indicated in the details matrix will be circulated to the member soon.

SUPPORT REQUIRED FOR ASSISTENCES

LIST OF SUPPORT

In terms of Human Capacity Building, Technical Assistance, Training and Financial Support, each institution presents various information stated in the matrix.

Therefore, we are kindly seeking your generous assistance to have a small scrutinizing the information in the matrix. Please let us know if you have any further questions, advice, or interest in cooperating with TL soon.

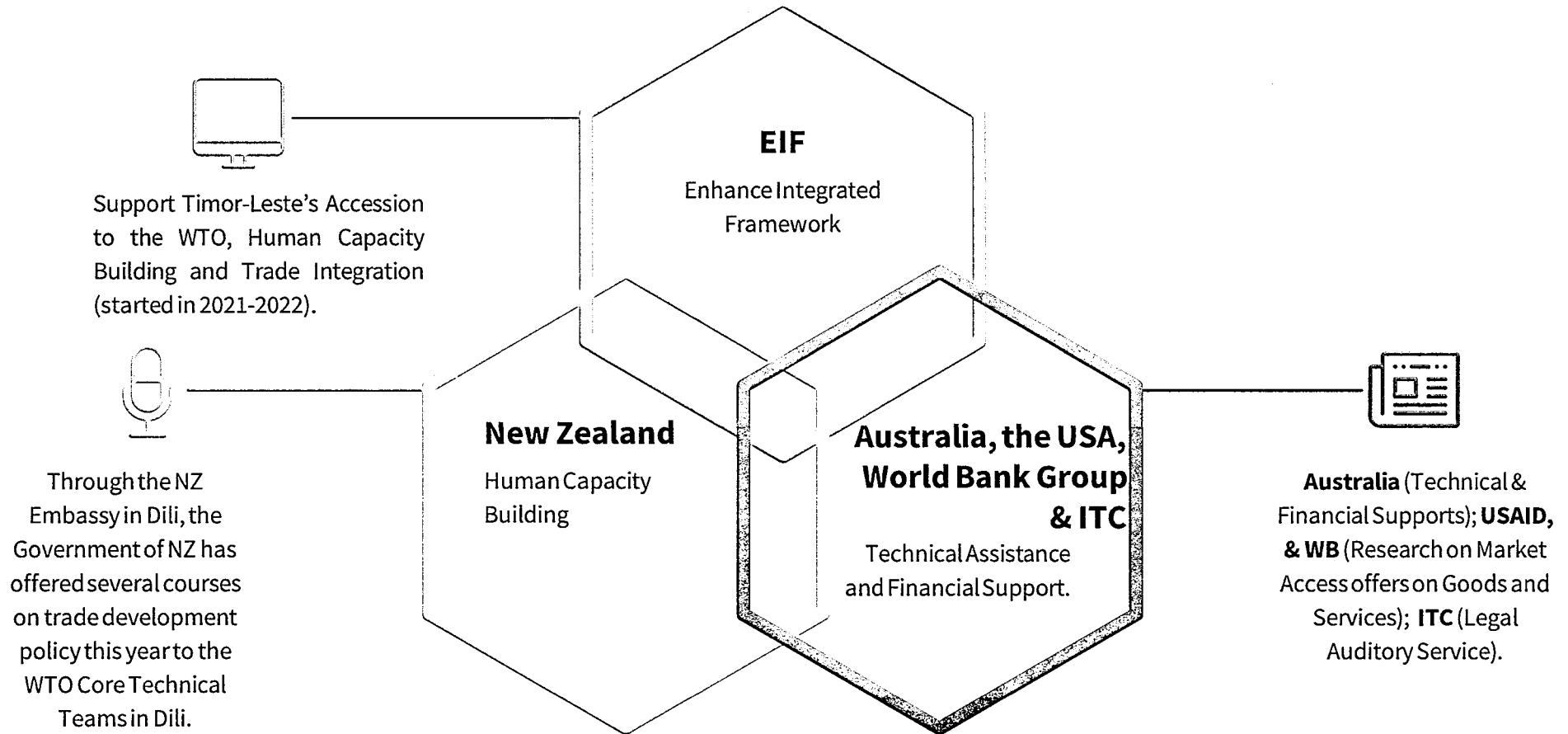


Model of Cooperation

Timor-Leste has Foreign Aid Policy that can guide the Government and the Development Partners for the transparency and effectiveness of the project implementation.

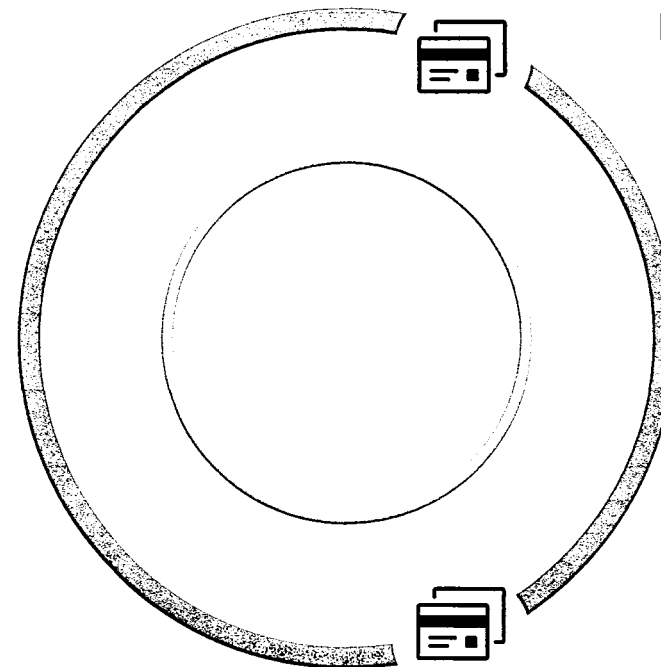
CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

SUPPORT FOR THE ACCESSION



THE LINE COORDINATION

The Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs is main Government contact points for Dev. Partners and Government Institutions



Reason

Assure the better coordination between the Development Partners and the Government Institutions in the country.

Dev. Partners

After the project is implemented each Inst. will carry its own coordination based on rules and laws.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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If there is any information required on the development partner's issues, the information can be addressed to the following contact persons:

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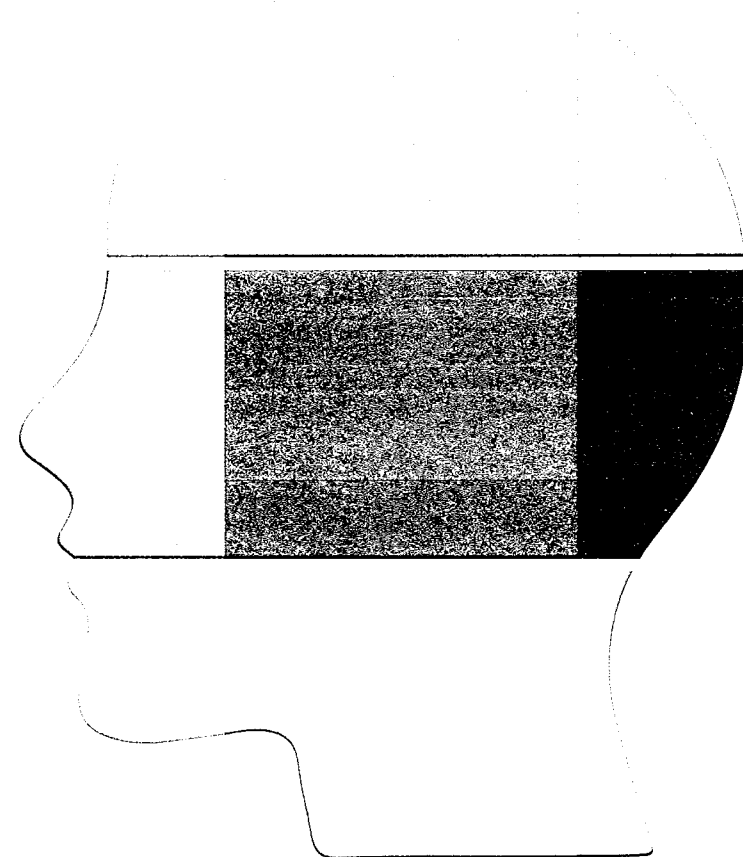
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THANK YOU



*Third Working Party Meeting
Process of Timor-Leste's Accession to the WTO*

MATRIX FOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
COORDINATION

Geneva, 29 April 2022

THE OFFICE OF THE COORDINATING MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

I. Introduction

This matrix is developed by the Office of the Coordinating-Minister for Economic Affairs corporate with all the related government institutions in Timor-Leste to guide the Government Institutions and the development partners to stablish the potential cooperation to support Timor-Leste's Accession to the WTO parallels with Timor-Leste's Accession to ASEAN.

The matrix describes about detailed potential cooperation from each line Government institutions with the log frame and clear objectives for each cooperation as indicated in the following tables.

As the Office for the Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs is the main central institution for the coordination of the WTO accession process, therefore, if there any information required on the development partners issues, the information can be addressed to the following contact persons.

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II. Model of the Cooperation

In line with the cooperation, Timor-Leste has a Foreign Aid Policy to guide the Government Institutions and the development partners to align all development partner's activities and the coordination mechanisms to guarantee the effectiveness of the cooperation implementation.

The Foreign Aid Policy can be found in the MoF's website at <https://www.mof.gov.tl>

III. Government Institutions and State Public Agencies

Following are the 12 Government institutions and State Public Agencies that currently required the support from the development partners to further enhance the accession process to the WTO:

1. The Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs;
2. Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral;
3. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;
4. Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry;
5. Ministry of Justice;
6. Ministry of Finance: Custom and Tax Authorities;
7. Ministry of Transports and Communications
8. Investment and Export Promotion Agency (TradeInvest Timor-Leste)
9. Instituto Quality of Timor-Leste (IQTL)
10. SEFOPE
11. AIFAESA
12. SERVE

IV. Matrix for the Potential Cooperation from the Line Government Institutions:

1) Name of the Institutions: The Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	Technical assistances to hire legal experts on goods and services, economists, Development Partners Coordinator, Environmental Expert, Trade and Commerce Expert, IP and Human Resource Management Experts.	2022 to 2027	Support the Implementation of the Timor-Leste WTO Permanent Secretariat
2	Technical Assistance	2022 – 2023	Developing Timor-Leste's Exit Strategy in the LDC

2) Name of the Institutions: Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste economic development in sustainable manner from	2022 to 2023	Enabling Timor-Leste to identify key areas to strengthen its sustainable

	balance of payment perspective through the trade policy on Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)		economic development by utilizing a proper trade policy in this case the PTA or other trading policy or facilities
2	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening local and domestic participation in providing goods and services; training; and employment in the Extractive Industries	2022 to 2023	Enabling Timor-Leste to identify key areas to strengthen its labour, public and private sector to actively participate in the develop of its extractive industry in a sustainable approach
3	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste's Government on how to encounter any trade barriers such as trade protections and trade restrictions	2022 to 2023	Enable Timor-Leste to identify various internal and external trade policy which will leading to any trade barriers such as protection and/or restriction which will impact its trading system
4	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste's Government on how to promote trade without discrimination, and fair competition	2022 to 2023	Enable Timor-Leste to identify and elaborate the trade without discrimination and fair competition in it trade policies and economic management
5	Technical and expert assistance on tariff analysis for market offers on goods based on the 2011- 2030 National Strategic Development Plan, as amended from time to time	2022 to 2023	Enable Timor-Leste to have better understanding on how the offered tariff affect the current and future trading system and economic development against the baseline sustainable development policy set out in the 2011-2030 NSDP aa amended.
6	Technical and expert assistance on service offers based on the 2011- 2030 National Strategic Development Plan, as amended from time to time	2022 to 2023	Enable Timor-Leste to have better understanding on how the service offer affect the current and future trading system and economic development against the baseline sustainable development policy set out in the 2011-2030 NSDP aa amended.
7	Technical and expert assistance on the initiation, negotiation processes and	2022 to 2023	Enable Timor-Leste to identify key trading function

	finalisation of a Free Trade Agreement (FTA)		and key trading partner for any FTA as well as how to work towards finalisation of any FTA in future
8	Technical and expert assistance on clean energy and carbon trading policy	2022 to 2023	Enable Timor-Leste to identify potential new market policy and system on clean energy and green trade policy
9	Technical and expert assistance on dispute settlement system under applicable WTO rules (GAAT) including filing a dispute, filing a respondent, dispute processes and settling a dispute	2022 to 2023	Enable Timor-Leste to understand how dispute settlement under WTO rules as well as how to encounter or filing a dispute with WTO member.
10	Technical and expert assistance on the least development country (LDC) access and restriction to a member state trading jurisdiction (based on exclusive jurisdiction, regionals and multinationals)	2022 to 2023	Enable Timor-Leste as a LDC to identify, mapping, draw and strengthening its trading system to penetrate and optimizing benefit from any trading jurisdiction of member state.

3. Name of the Institutions: Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste Negotiation Process and Negotiation Skills on Trade in Goods	Short Term	Enabling TLCA in developing and strengthening the institutions with skill negotiation
2	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste Analytical Analyses and impact on the negotiation	Medium Terms	Enabling TLCA in developing and strengthening the institutions with understand the benefit and impact negotiation.
3		Medium Term	Enabling TLCA in developing and strengthening the institutions with the

	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste Tariff Analyses		understanding on how the offered tariff affect the current and future trading system and economic development
4	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste Role of Origen and Certificate of Origen	Medium Term	Enabling TLCA in developing and strengthening the institutions with better understanding on RoO and CoO
5	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste FTA (Free Trade Agreement) ATIGA	Long Term	Enabling TLCA in developing and amended its legal for strengthening the institutions with butter understanding on FTA
6	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste Customs Expert and Technical assistance for strengthening Customs Authority institution development Single Window	Long Term	Enabling Timor-Leste Customs Authority (TLCA) to strengthen and integrated the Platform integrated with Regional and Global Single Window.
7	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste Customs on singular provisions allowing developing and least-developed countries (LDCs) to regulate when they will apply individual provisions of the Agreement determine the category for each of the technical measures under the Agreement.	Short Term	Enabling Timor-Leste Customs Authority (TLCA) to identify key areas to strengthen its sustainable capability to apply for each Category for Technical
8	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste Customs Legal and technical expert assistance for strengthening and developing customs jurisdictions	Short Term	Enabling TLCA in developing and amended its legal for strengthening the institutions
			Enabling Timor-Leste Customs Authority (TLCA) on dispute settlement

9	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste IPR (Intellectual Property Right)	Short Term	system under applicable WTO rules (GAAT) including filing a dispute, filing a respondent, dispute processes and settling a dispute
10	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening institutional cooperation for future implementation of SPS and TBT.	Short Term, Medium Term and Long term.	Enabling Timor-Leste relevant institutional capacity in implementing SPS/TBT based on FAO/WHO technical institution of Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), International Plant Protection Convention and Office International des Epizooties (OIE)
11	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening institutional cooperation for future implementation of Agreement on Agriculture (AoA).	Short term	Enabling AoA technical negotiator capacity building for implementing GATT 1994.

4. Name of the Institutions: Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	Consultancy and advisory services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-house legal adviser in Commercial or Trade Law • In-house legal adviser in intellectual property law • In-house economist. 	3 years with possible extension	To support the creation and implementation of the trade related legislations that are indispensable for Timor-Leste economic integration (i.e.WTO, ASEAN, and EU-EPA) that will catalyse economic diversification.

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
2	Consultancy and advisory services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSME's Policy • MSME's Regulatory Framework 	3 years with possible extension	To develop MSME's policy and regulatory framework in order to develop an integrated support for local MSME growth that will catalyse economic diversification
3	Consultancy and advisory services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial Park feasibility study • Industrial Park development adviser 	3-5 years with possible extension	To provide expertise in developing Timor-Leste industry sector including industrial park in order to attract FDI so as to grow and diversify economic.
4	Consultancy and advisory services; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accession to Cross-Border Paperless Trade framework agreement. 	2 years with possible extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide technical expertise in the development and implementation of Cross-border paperless trade in order to streamline trade across border. • To improve Timor-Leste economic competitiveness and reduce trade deficit.
5	Consultancy and advisory services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical monitoring framework 	2 years with possible extension	To support in establishing Timor-Leste trade information system for transparency and evidence based – decision making.
6	Consultancy and advisory services	3-5 years with possible extension	To support the creation and implementation rules

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enactment and implementation of rules of origin; 		of origin that is necessary for Timor-Leste economic integration.

5. Name of the Institutions: Ministry of Justice

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	Technical Assistancess	2022-2023	To prepare the national legislation relation with mediation, arbitration and reconciliation law, and the regulations relating with the hypothec, insolvency and the system of registration of property rights.
2	Human Capacity Building	2022-2023	To support the implementation of the mentioned legislation.

6. Name of the Institutions: Timor-Leste Customs Authority, Ministry of Finance

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste Negotiation Process and Negotiation Skills on Trade in Goods	Short Term	Enabling TLCA in developing and strengthening the institutions with skill negotiation
2	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste Analytical Analyses and impact on the negotiation	Medium Terms	Enabling TLCA in developing and strengthening the institutions with understand the benefit and impact negotiation.
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8	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste Customs Legal and technical expert assistance for strengthening and developing customs jurisdictions	Short Term	Enabling TLCA in developing and amended its legal for strengthening the institutions

9	Technical and expert assistance to strengthening Timor-Leste IPR (Intellectual Property Right)	Short Term	Enabling Timor-Leste Customs Authority (TLCA) on dispute settlement system under applicable WTO rules (GAAT) including filing a dispute, filing a respondent, dispute processes and settling a dispute
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7. Name of the Institutions: Timor-Leste Tax Authority, Ministry of Finance

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1.	Technical and expert assistance in assessing Timor-Leste infrastructure and cross-country IT system required as a pathway to the implementation of Value Added Tax (VAT) regime.	Short to medium term depending on the duration of the referred assessment	Ensuring Timor-Leste has the required infrastructure and IT system ready for the implementation of VAT regime.
2.	Capacity development program in the area of accounting and finance, auditing, law, human resource management, data analysis and revenue forecasting, information technology, e-Commerce, and other relevant areas.	Short to medium term	Ensuring Timor-Leste Tax Authority has the required human resources with the right skills and expertise in the area of Tax.

8. Name of the Institutions: Secretary of State for Training and Employment

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	Labour Market Test	2022 – 2023	Comply the WTO Accession Rules
2	New Apps for data collection	2022 – 2023	Comply the WTO Accession Rules

3	Employment portal Introduction from developed countries	2022 – 2023	Comply the WTO Accession Rules
4	Micro & Macroeconomic impact of Timor-Leste accession to WTO	2022 – 2023	Comply the WTO Accession Rules
5	Creation of digital Platform (Registration for employment support).	2022 – 2023	Comply the WTO Accession Rules

9. Name of the Institutions: Ministry of Transports and Communications

No.	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	Maritime and port sectors legal frameworks and capacity building to enhance joint operation of maritime transport with the new National Maritime Authority	2023-2024	TA is needed to prepare for Timor-Leste maritime services sector commitment to WTO
2	Civil Aviation Authority capacity building and training (AACTL.IP)	2023-2027	TA is needed for the civil aviation authority continued capacity building
3	Airport Administration Public Company (ANATL-EP)	2023-2027	TA is needed for the airport expansion project in Dili
4	Land Transport Directorate requires legal support on multimodal transport convention and land border transportation cooperation	2023-2027	TA is needed for land transport services commitment on enhancing cross border movement of people and goods
5	Telecommunication Services legal & policy revision and fibre optic infrastructure development support	2023-2027	TA is needed to assist with Timor-Leste TELCOM policy revision
6.	Minister's Office procurement and finance management	2023-2027	TA is needed for Government Procurement and finance management capacity building support

10. Name of the Institutions: Investment and Export Promotion Agency (TradeInvest Timor-Leste)

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	<p><u>INVESTMENT and EXPORT PROMOTION SERVICE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance (TA) for development of <i>investment promotion package</i> focusing on productive sector (agriculture, tourism, manufacturing) • TA for development of <i>export promotion package</i> focusing on productive sector (agriculture, tourism, manufacturing) • TA for review of Investment Guide • TA for development of digitalization approach and strategies 	2022-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable TradeInvest to perform its main function in investment and export promotion • To enable TradeInvest technical staff to increase the role of digitalization in promoting investment and export post-Covid 19
2	<p><u>INVESTMENT and EXPORT FACILITATION SERVICE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA for further development of <i>Investment Tracking System</i> and TradeInvest official website • TA for development of <i>sophisticated export promotion database management system</i> • Trade negotiation skills training (as TradeInvest involves actively in WTO and ASEAN accession process) 	2022-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable TradeInvest to improve and increase its facilitation service through information management system as the main value added for investors and exporters • Trade negotiation training will increase the capacity of TradeInvest staff (<i>director and manager level</i>) to plan, facilitate and implement agreements related to investment and trade

			before and after accession
3	<u>GOOD GOVERNANCE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership and integrity training • Advanced training for Corporate Services (Finance, HR, IT, Procurement, Logistic) 	2022-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership/integrity training will enhance the capacity and capability of TradeInvest staff (<i>director and manager level</i>) to perform their function • Corporate Services training will strengthen institutional development of TradeInvest

11. Name of the Institutions: Instituto Quality of Timor-Leste (IQTL)

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	Needs Assessments to quality infrastructure in IQTL	Short term depends on duration	To find out the capacity of human resources, laboratory infrastructure and what needs are needed by IQTL
2	Human resource development at the Indonesian Food and Drug Supervisory Agency and the Indonesian Standardization Agency and also at the Indonesian Directorate of Metrology	Short term depends on duration	to gain experience in carrying out their duties and functions in accordance with the duties and responsibilities of IQTL
3	Preparation for the start of the development of quality infrastructure in Timor-Leste.	Star in April at the 2024	To meet the necessary requirements to ensure the productivity and credibility of the country from a healthy trade process

4	Meeting with the head of BPOM and discussing the need for laboratory equipment needed and BPOM ready to help IQTL in this matter	Short term depends on duration	Complete the laboratory equipment needed to guarantee the laboratory analysis process for imported and exported products.
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12. Name of the Institutions: Institute of Inspection and Supervision Authority of Sanitary and Food Economic Activity (AIFAESA)

13.No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	Technical assistance and expertise for food inspections and economic activities in Timor-Leste;	2022-2023	To improve the quality of food control and economic activities in Timor-Leste as a consumer protection measure and ensure fair competition in trade.
2	Technical assistance and expertise to develop Regulations and integrated control system in Timor-Leste in both the food and non-food sectors;	2022-2027	To develop an integrated monitoring/control system as well as develop adequate regulations and standards in both the food and non-food sectors.
3	Technical assistance to carry out food risk assessments;	2022-2023	To assess food risk according to manual procedures applicable at the national and international level.
4	Capacity building of human resources for inspection and laboratory technicians;	2022-2024	To increase knowledge of inspectors and laboratory technicians on conducting laboratory testing.
5	Develop food laboratory infrastructure in Timor-Leste.	2023-2025	To procure adequate laboratory equipment and internationally accredited in order to control the export-

			import of goods from/to Timor-Leste.
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13. Name of the Institutions: SERVE

No	Lists of the Support Required	Time Frame	Objectives
1	Digitalization Platform	June 2022 – June 2023	Online or electronic business registration for easy doing business in Timor-Leste
2	International Commercial Adviser	2023	Business licensing and business registration law review
3	Capacity Building program to provide the business licensing and business registration	2023	Enhance the institutional capacity to support the effectiveness of the intuitional daily activities

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OFFER ON SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS IN SERVICES

The following submission, dated 21 May 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

Modes of supply: (1) Cross-border supply (2) Consumption abroad (3) Commercial presence (4) Presence of natural persons			
Sector or sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional commitments
I. HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS			
All sectors included in the schedule			
Land ownership		3) Land ownership is limited to the citizens of Timor-Leste as established under the Constitution. Foreigners are permitted to lease land.	
Commercial presence		3) Foreign commercial companies incorporated in Timor-Leste shall appoint a legal representative with permanent residence in Timor-Leste.	
Movement of natural persons	<p>4) Unbound, except for measures concerning/affecting the entry and temporary stay of natural persons in the following categories::</p> <p><i>(i) Business visitors:</i></p> <p>– <i>Persons engaged in establishment:</i></p> <p>Representatives of a foreign-based service supplier seeking entry and temporary stay for the purpose of setting up a commercial presence.</p> <p>The period of stay is limited to a maximum of 6 months with the possibility of extension for successive periods of 2 years.</p> <p>– <i>Services salespersons:</i></p> <p>Representatives of a foreign- based service supplier seeking entry and temporary stay for the purpose of negotiating the sale of a service or attending business meetings.</p> <p>Such representatives shall not be engaged in direct sales to the public or in supplying services themselves and shall not receive remuneration from a source</p>	4) Unbound, except for measures concerning/affecting the entry and temporary stay of the categories of natural persons referred to in the market access column.	

	within Timor-Leste. The period of stay is limited to a maximum period of 60 days per year.		
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Sector or sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional commitments
	<p><i>(ii) Employees of a foreign commercial presence:</i></p> <p>Executives, Managers, and specialists.</p> <p>Subject to a labor market test, foreign service suppliers established in Timor-Leste may hire or transfer foreign employees qualified for supervisory, directing or technical functions.</p> <p>The period of stay is limited to 6 months, with the possibility of extension for successive periods of 2 years.</p> <p><i>(iii) Contract Service Suppliers and Independent Professionals:</i></p> <p>Subject to a labor market test, foreign natural persons who have obtained a contract to supply a service in Timor-Leste or are employed by a foreign-based service supplier that has obtained a contract to supply a service in Timor-Leste, shall be granted entry for the maximum period of 60 days per year.</p>		
Fiscal measures		1), 3), 4) The income or wage tax-free threshold applies only to residents. The threshold is subject to change.	
Subsidies and Incentives		3) Special benefits are available to investors who hold a Declaration of Benefits (DoB) or are party to a Special Investment Agreement (SIA). The benefits vary depending on the sector and location and include benefits with regard to: hiring foreign workers; leasing of State property; and in some cases, additional benefits related to tax, customs duties, and investment facilitation services. There are minimum investment values for investments to be eligible for a DOB or SIA. The minimum investment value is higher for foreign-owned investments or joint ventures than for investments of nationals. The sectors which are	

		<p>eligible for benefits and minimum investment values are subject to change.</p> <p>1), 2), 3), 4) Unbound with respect to subsidies, investment incentives and other state support measures.</p>	
All sectors – services supplied in support of the petroleum industry	<p>1), 3) Services supplied in support of the petroleum industry are reserved to suppliers which are: Timorese nationals; or companies which are incorporated under Timor-Leste law and which are majority-owned by Timorese nationals.</p> <p>2) Unbound</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments</p>	<p>1) None, except as indicated in the Limitations on Market Access.</p> <p>2) Unbound</p> <p>3) Unbound</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments</p>	
All sectors – services supplied in support of the mining industry	<p>1) Suppliers which are: Timorese nationals; or companies which are incorporated under Timor-Leste law and which are majority-owned by Timorese nationals, are accorded preferential treatment / access.</p> <p>2) Unbound</p> <p>3) Suppliers must be companies incorporated under Timor-Leste Law.</p> <p>Suppliers which are majority-owned by Timorese nationals, are accorded preferential treatment / access.</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal commitments</p>	<p>1) None, except as indicated in the Limitations on Market Access.</p> <p>2) Unbound</p> <p>3) Unbound</p> <p>4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments</p>	

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Sector or sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional commitments
II. SECTOR-SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS			
1. BUSINESS SERVICES			
A. Professional Services			
a. Legal Services (CPC 861**) Advisory services on foreign and public international law	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) Foreign legal practitioners are required to have a local partner with Timorese co-lawyers. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
e. Engineering services (CPC 8672**) CPC 86721-86726, 86729	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
h. Medical and dental services (CPC 9312) j. Services provided by midwives, nurses, physiotherapists and para-medical personnel (CPC 93191)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
F. Other Business Services			
i. Investigation and Security Services (CPC 873**) – Guard Services (CPC 87305)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None, except security staff and the Security Director must be a Timorese. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
2. COMMUNICATION SERVICES			
B. Courier services (CPC 7512)** Limited to express delivery services of packages and goods.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
C. TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES			
Commitments are taken consistent with "Notes for Scheduling Basic Telecom Services Commitments" (S/GBT/W/2/Rev.1) and "Market Access Limitations on Spectrum Availability" (S/GBT/W/3)			
a) Voice Telephone Services (7521)	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) Only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	Please refer to the attached Reference Paper
b) Packet-switched data transmission services (7523**)	1) Unbound 2) Unbound	1) Unbound 2) Unbound	

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Sector or sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional commitments
	3) Only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	3) Unbound 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
c) Circuit-switched data transmission services (7523**)	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) Only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) Unbound 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
d) Telex services (CPC 7523**)	1). None 2). None 3). Only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1). None 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
e) Telegraphic services (CPC 7522)	1). None 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1). None 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
f) Facsimile services (7521**+7529**)	1) None 2) None 3) Only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) Unbound 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
g) Private leased circuit services (CPC 7522**+7523**)	1). None 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1). None 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

h) electronic mail (CPC 7523**)	1). None 2). None 3). Only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1). None 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
i) Voice Mail (CPC 7523**)	1). None 2). None 3). Only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1). None 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
j) Online information & Database retrieval (CPC 7523**)	1). None 2). None 3). Only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1). None 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
k) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or Data and message transmission service (CPC 7523**)	1) None. 2) None. 3) Unbound 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None. 2) None. 3) Unbound 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
l) Enhanced / value added facsimile services (CPC 7523**)	1) None 2) None 3) None, except only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
m) Code & Protocol Conversion	1) None 2) None 3) None, except only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
n) Online information and/or data processing (CPC 843**)	1) None 2) None 3) None, except only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

	horizontal commitments.		
(o) Other - Mobile data services	1) None 2) None 3) only a corporate body incorporated in Timor-Leste is eligible to supply a telecommunications service. 4) UNBOUND, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) UNBOUND, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
D. AUDIOVISUAL SERVICES			
In all sub-sectors where commitments are made in Audiovisual Services Timor-Leste is Unbound with respect to: (a) broadcast or other transmission quotas; or (b) expenditure requirements, for content which: (i) is locally produced or co-produced; (ii) reflects national or local interests and concerns; (iii) promotes national culture and identity; or (iv) is in an official or national language of Timor-Leste.			
a) Motion picture and video tape distribution services (CPC 96113**)¹	1) Unbound 2) None 3) Unbound 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
b) Motion picture projection services (excluding projection by informal pop-up cinema) (CPC 9612**)²	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
c) Radio and Television Services (CPC 96131 and 96132) ²	1) None 2) None 3) Participation of foreign individuals or legal persons in the share capital of a media corporation may not exceed 30%. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
e) Sound recording	1) Unbound 2) None 3) Unbound 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	

¹ For purposes of clarity, this commitment relates only to the distribution, i.e., licensing of motion pictures or videotapes to other industries, for exhibition, broadcasting, other transmission, or other use. It does not cover broadcasting and transmission services.

² For greater certainty, the commitment does not cover broadcasting and transmission services.

3. CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES			
A. General construction work for buildings (CPC 512, except 51260) B. General construction work for civil engineering (CPC 513) C. Installation and assembly work (CPC 514+516) D. Building completion and finishing work (CPC 517)	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
- Construction work for hotels, restaurants and similar buildings for Tourism purpose (CPC 51260)	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. Notwithstanding the horizontal commitments, five work visas for supervisors are guaranteed.	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None Foreign suppliers are required to bring innovative technology and transfer skills and knowledge to local employees. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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Sector or sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional commitments
E. Other** (CPC 511)	1). Unbound* 2). None 3). Unbound 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1). Unbound* 2). None 3). Unbound 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
4. DISTRIBUTION SERVICES			
The commitments below do not apply to distribution services related to pharmaceutical goods, medical and orthopaedic goods (CPC 63211); and medical equipment.			
(a) Commission agents' services (CPC 621, 61111, 6113, 6121) (b) Wholesale trade services (CPC 622, 61111, 6113, 6121) (c) Retailing services (CPC 631, 632, 61112, 6113, 6121, 613) (d) Franchising (CPC 8929)	1) None 2) None 3) Approval to establish or acquire a retail business may be subject to an economic needs test which takes into account the impact on the market, including existing suppliers. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) Foreign-owned businesses may be subject to minimum capital requirements. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.	
5. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES			
C. Higher education services (CPC 923) E. Other education services (CPC 929)	1) None 2) None 3) The institutions may assume the form of a foundation, association, cooperative or limited liability company by quotas or joint-stock company. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
6. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES			
A. Sewage services (CPC 9401)	1). Unbound 2). None 3). None, except services considered as public utilities may be subject to public monopolies or exclusive rights granted to private operators. 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1). Unbound 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
B. Refuse disposal services (CPC 9402)	1). Unbound 2). None 3). None, except services considered as public utilities may be subject to public monopolies or exclusive rights granted to private operators. 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1). Unbound 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

<p>C. Sanitation and similar services (CPC 9403)</p>	<p>1). Unbound 2). None 3). None, except services considered as public utilities may be subject to public monopolies or exclusive rights granted to private operators. 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p>	<p>1). Unbound 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p>	
<p>D. Other - Cleaning services of exhaust gases (CPC 9404) - Noise and vibration Abatement Services (CPC 9405) - Remediation and clean-up of soil and water, protection of biodiversity and landscape (CPC 9406**) Commitments do not include activities in or related to environmental protection areas</p>	<p>1). Unbound 2). None 3). None, except services considered as public utilities may be subject to public monopolies or exclusive rights granted to private operators. 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p>	<p>1). Unbound 2). None 3). None 4). Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p>	
<p>6. FINANCIAL SERVICES</p>			
<p>A. ALL INSURANCE AND INSURANCE RELATED SERVICES</p>			
<p>(a) Direct insurance: (i) Life insurance (ii) Non-life insurance</p>	<p>1) <i>Unbound</i>, except for the insurance risks related to maritime transportation services (except for vessels supplying solely or permanently cabotage transportation services) and commercial aviation and space launching and freight (including satellites), with such insurance to cover any or all of the following: the goods being transported, the vehicle transporting the goods and any liability arising therefrom. 2) <i>Unbound</i>, except for the insurance risks related to maritime transportation services (except for vessels supplying solely or permanently cabotage transportation services) and commercial aviation and space launching and freight (including satellites), with such insurance to cover any or all of the following: the goods being transported, the vehicle transporting the goods and any liability arising therefrom. 3) <i>None</i></p>	<p>1) <i>Unbound</i>, except for the insurance risks related to maritime transportation services (except for vessels supplying solely or permanently cabotage transportation services) and commercial aviation and space launching and freight (including satellites), with such insurance to cover any or all of the following: the goods being transported, the vehicle transporting the goods and any liability arising therefrom. 2) <i>Unbound</i>, except for the insurance risks related to maritime transportation services (except for vessels supplying solely or permanently cabotage transportation services) and commercial aviation and space launching and freight (including satellites), with such insurance to cover any or all of the following: the goods being transported, the vehicle transporting the goods and any liability arising therefrom. 3) <i>None, except:</i> (i) the board of directors must be composed of a minimum of three members, who shall reside in Timor-Leste, the Managing Director who is elected from board members must be permanent resident in Timor-Leste. The person responsible for the branch office of an insurance company shall reside permanently in Timor-Leste, and (ii) the person responsible for an insurance</p>	

	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	company branch in Timor-Leste must reside permanently in Timor-Leste. 4) <i>Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</i>	
(b) Reinsurance and retrocession	1) None 2) None 3) <i>None</i> 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) <i>None, except:</i> <i>(i) the board of directors must be composed of a minimum of three members, all of which must be residents of Timor-Leste.</i> <i>(ii) the person responsible for an insurance company branch in Timor-Leste must reside permanently in Timor-Leste.</i>	
(c) Services auxiliary to insurance (including broking and agency services)	1) Unbound 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	1) Unbound 2) None 3) <i>None, except:</i> <i>(i).the board of directors must be composed of a minimum of three members, all of which must be residents of Timor-Leste.</i> <i>(ii) the person responsible for an insurance company branch in Timor-Leste must reside permanently in Timor-Leste.</i> 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
B. BANKING AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES (EXCLUDING INSURANCE)			
a. Acceptance of deposits and other repayable funds from the public (CPC 81115-81119)	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None Foreign suppliers are required to bring innovative technology and transfer skills and knowledge to local employees.	
(b) Lending of all types, incl., inter alia, consumer credit, mortgage credit, factoring and financing of commercial transaction (CPC 8113)		4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	company branch in Timor-Leste must reside permanently in Timor-Leste. 4) <i>Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</i>	
(b) Reinsurance and retrocession	1) None 2) None 3) <i>None</i> 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) <i>None, except:</i> <i>(i) the board of directors must be composed of a minimum of three members, all of which must be residents of Timor-Leste.</i> <i>(ii) the person responsible for an insurance company branch in Timor-Leste must reside permanently in Timor-Leste.</i>	
(c) Services auxiliary to insurance (including broking and agency services)	1) Unbound 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	1) Unbound 2) None 3) <i>None, except:</i> <i>(i).the board of directors must be composed of a minimum of three members, all of which must be residents of Timor-Leste.</i> <i>(ii) the person responsible for an insurance company branch in Timor-Leste must reside permanently in Timor-Leste.</i> 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
B. BANKING AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES (EXCLUDING INSURANCE)			
a. Acceptance of deposits and other repayable funds from the public (CPC 81115-81119)	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None Foreign suppliers are required to bring innovative technology and transfer skills and knowledge to local employees.	
(b) Lending of all types, incl., inter alia, consumer credit, mortgage credit, factoring and financing of commercial transaction (CPC 8113)		4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

	4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	company branch in Timor-Leste must reside permanently in Timor-Leste. 4) <i>Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</i>	
(b) Reinsurance and retrocession	1) None 2) None 3) <i>None</i> 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) <i>None, except:</i> <i>(i) the board of directors must be composed of a minimum of three members, all of which must be residents of Timor-Leste.</i> <i>(ii) the person responsible for an insurance company branch in Timor-Leste must reside permanently in Timor-Leste.</i>	
(c) Services auxiliary to insurance (including broking and agency services)	1) Unbound 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	1) Unbound 2) None 3) <i>None, except:</i> <i>(i).the board of directors must be composed of a minimum of three members, all of which must be residents of Timor-Leste.</i> <i>(ii) the person responsible for an insurance company branch in Timor-Leste must reside permanently in Timor-Leste.</i> 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments	
B. BANKING AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES (EXCLUDING INSURANCE)			
a. Acceptance of deposits and other repayable funds from the public (CPC 81115-81119)	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None Foreign suppliers are required to bring innovative technology and transfer skills and knowledge to local employees.	
(b) Lending of all types, incl., inter alia, consumer credit, mortgage credit, factoring and financing of commercial transaction (CPC 8113)		4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

<p>c. Financial leasing (CPC 8112)</p> <p>(d) All payment and money transmission services</p> <p>(e) Guarantees and commitments</p> <p>(f) Trading for own account or for account of customers, whether on an exchange, in an over-the-counter market or otherwise, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Money market instruments (cheques, bills, certificate of deposits, etc.) - Foreign exchange - Derivative products including, but not limited to, futures and options - Exchange rate and interest rate instruments, including products such as swaps, forward rate agreements, etc. - Transferable securities - Other negotiable instruments and financial assets, including bullion <p>(g) Participation in issues of all kinds of securities, including underwriting and placement as agent (whether publicly or privately) and provision of service related to such issues</p> <p>(h) Money broking</p> <p>(i) Asset management, all forms of collective investment management, pension fund management, custodial depository and trust services</p> <p>(j) Settlement and clearing services for financial assets, including securities, derivative products, and other negotiable instruments</p>			
<p>(k) Advisory and other auxiliary financial services on all the activities listed in Article 1B of MTN.TNC/W/50, including credit reference and analysis, investment and portfolio research and advice, advice on acquisitions and on corporate restructuring and strategy</p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.</p>	

(I) Provision and transfer of financial information, and financial data processing and related software by providers of other financial services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	
7. TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES			
A. Hotels and restaurants (including catering) (CPC 641-643)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) None 2) None 3) Approval to establish or acquire a business may be subject to an economic needs test. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	
8. TRANSPORT SERVICES			
C. Air Transport Services - Maintenance and repair of aircraft (CPC 8868**). - Selling and marketing of air transport services. - Computer reservation system (CRS) services.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	
F. Road Transport Services (CPC 7121-7124)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) None 2) None 3) Licences to supply passenger transport services are subject to an economic needs test, to ensure adequate supply of the services to the Timorese public. Foreign capital participation limited to a maximum of 49%. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) None 2) None 3) Public passenger transport services between Dili and Municipalities are exclusively reserved for Timorese operators. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments. 	

Modes of supply: (1) Cross-border supply (2) Consumption abroad (3) Commercial presence (4) Presence of natural persons			
Sector or sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional commitments
9. RECREATIONAL, CULTURE AND SPORTING SERVICES			
B. News agency services (CPC 962)	1) None 2) None 3) Participation of foreign individuals or legal persons in the share capital of a media corporation may not exceed 30%. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	
Other recreational services (CPC 96499**) - Leasing or rental services of seagoing pleasure boats	1) None 2) None 3) Licences for foreign operators are subject to Economic Needs Tests to ensure equitable participation in the market by local enterprises. 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments.	

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Scope

The following are definitions and principles on the regulatory framework for the basic telecommunications services.

Definitions

Users mean service consumers and service suppliers.

Essential facilities mean facilities of a public telecommunications transport network or service that

- (a) are exclusively or predominantly provided by a single or limited number of suppliers; and
- (b) cannot feasibly be economically or technically substituted in order to provide a service.

A major supplier is a supplier which has the ability to materially affect the terms of participation (having regard to price and supply) in the relevant market for basic telecommunications services as a result of:

- (a) control over essential facilities; or
- (b) use of its position in the market.

1. Competitive safeguards

1.1 Prevention of anti-competitive practices in telecommunications

Appropriate measures shall be maintained for the purpose of preventing suppliers who, alone or together, are a major supplier from engaging in or continuing anti-competitive practices.

1.2 Safeguards

The anti-competitive practices referred to above shall include in particular:

- (a) engaging in anti-competitive cross-subsidization;
- (b) using information obtained from competitors with anti-competitive results; and
- (c) not making available to other services suppliers on a timely basis technical information about essential facilities and commercially relevant information which are necessary for them to provide services.

2. Interconnection

2.1 This section applies to linking with suppliers providing public telecommunications transport networks or services in order to allow the users of one supplier to communicate with users of another supplier and to access services provided by another supplier, where specific commitments are undertaken.

2.2 Interconnection to be ensured

Interconnection with a major supplier will be ensured at any technically feasible point in the network. Such interconnection is provided.

- (a) under non-discriminatory terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and rates and of a quality no less favourable than that provided for its own like services or for like services of non-affiliated service suppliers or for its subsidiaries or other affiliates;
- (b) in a timely fashion, on terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and cost-oriented rates that are transparent, reasonable, having

- regard to economic feasibility, and sufficiently unbundled so that the supplier need not pay for network components or facilities that it does not require for the service to be provided; and
- (c) upon request, at points in addition to the network termination points offered to the majority of users, subject to charges that reflect the cost of construction of necessary additional facilities.

2.3 Public availability of the procedures for interconnection negotiations

The procedures applicable for interconnection to a major supplier will be made publicly available.

2.4 Transparency of interconnection arrangements

It is ensured that a major supplier will make publicly available either its interconnection agreements or a reference interconnection offer.

2.5 Interconnection: dispute settlement

A service supplier requesting interconnection with a major supplier will have recourse, either:

- (a) at any time or
- (b) after a reasonable period of time which has been made publicly known to an independent domestic body, which may be a regulatory body as referred to in paragraph 5 below, to resolve disputes regarding appropriate terms, conditions and rates for interconnection within a reasonable period of time, to the extent that these have not been established previously.

3. Universal service

Any Member has the right to define the kind of universal service obligation it wishes to maintain. Such obligations will not be regarded as anti-competitive *per se*, provided they are administered in a transparent, non-discriminatory and competitively neutral manner and are not more burdensome than necessary for the kind of universal service defined by the Member.

4. Public availability of licensing criteria

Where a licence is required, the following will be made publicly available:

- (a) all the licensing criteria and the period of time normally required to reach a decision concerning an application for a licence and
- (b) the terms and conditions of individual licences.

The reasons for the denial of a licence will be made known to the applicant upon request.

5. Independent regulators

The regulatory body is separate from, and not accountable to, any supplier of basic telecommunications services. The decisions of and the procedures used by regulators shall be impartial with respect to all market participants.

6. Allocation and use of scarce resources

Any procedures for the allocation and use of scarce resources, including frequencies, numbers and rights of way, will be carried out in an objective, timely, transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The current state of allocated frequency bands will be made publicly available, but detailed identification of frequencies allocated for specific government uses is not required.
