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UNMISET to hold seminar on the roles of the United Nations in peacekeeping and peace-building in Timor-Leste

24 November 2004: The United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISET) will be holding a seminar tomorrow and Saturday (26-27 November) to discuss the roles of the United Nations in peacekeeping and peace-building efforts in Timor-Leste.

The President, Xanana Gusmão, and Prime Minister, Dr. Mari Alkatiri, of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste will each deliver a keynote address at the opening of the two-day seminar. The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Timor-Leste, Dr Sukehiro Hasegawa, will open the seminar.

“Timor-Leste is an example to post-conflict countries worldwide because of its success to apply the necessary democratic principles on its continuous path to sustainable development,” said Dr Hasegawa.

The seminar, which aims at highlighting the efforts and challenges involved in nation and peace-building in Timor-Leste, will also be attended by a former senior UN official and current Chairman of the Japan Centre for Conflict Prevention, Mr Yasushi Akashi. A delegation from Japan will accompany Mr Akashi.

Areas to be discussed in the seminar will focus on political development, internal and external security, the serious crimes process, the rule of law, and institutional capacity development.

Representatives from the media are invited to attend the opening session of the seminar.

Details of the opening are as follows:

DATE: Friday, 26 November 2004

TIME: 8:30 am to 10:00 am

VENUE: UNMISET Conference Room
Obrigado Barracks, Dili

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