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UNITED NATIONS ASSISTS WITH CRITICAL REPAIRS TO FIRE TRUCK AT DILI AIRPORT

28 October 2004: The United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISSET) is happy to have been able to provide assistance to the Government of Timor-Leste in expediting the repairs of a damaged fire truck whose unavailability had prevented some international commercial flights from operating during the last 24 hours at Presidente Nicolau Lobato International Airport, Dili.

During the truck repair operation, UNMISSET experts also provided specialized training to Timorese staff whose skills will be critical in the event of future breakdowns.

Timor-Leste's Prime Minister, Dr. Mari Alkatiri telephoned United Nations Acting SRSG Atul Khare to personally express his appreciation to all those whose efficient and timely actions made the repair operation possible. .

Normal international flights are expected to resume later today, subject to decisions on the part of the commercial airlines using the airport.