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RDTL PRESIDENT PRAISES UNMISSET INVOLVEMENT IN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

(Dili, 20 May) – RDTL President Xanana Gusmão yesterday thanked UNMISSET for its “deep involvement” in the celebrations marking the first anniversary of the restoration of independence. The President was speaking at the opening of the UNMISSET Photo Exhibition at Dili’s Uma Fukun Cultural Centre.

The “UNMISSET: one year in Timor-Leste” exhibition is UNMISSET’s main anniversary event. Dedicated to the people of Timor-Leste, it highlights in some eighty photographs, slide shows and videos the unique and special partnership between the UN and the Timorese people.

Addressing the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Timor-Leste, Ambassador Kamallesh Sharma, Xanana Gusmão thanked UNMISSET for “offering the Timorese this opportunity to see how much has been done over this [past] year”. He added that, as UNMISSET enters its final year, “to know that the commitment and support of the UN to Timor-Leste will continue [beyond UNMISSET] makes us confident in the future.”

Since the opening yesterday evening, some 140 visitors have already attended the exhibition. It will remain open to the public until the 26th of May. People in the districts will also have the opportunity to see the exhibition when two smaller versions open in Baucau and Maliana within the next few days. After the exhibition, the photos will be donated to the Centre as a contribution to its future photo collection.

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The exhibition is open to the public 10am to 7pm from today until the 26th of May. There is no admission fee.

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