

## SECOND TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT

- The **Second Transitional Government of East Timor** and its **Council of Ministers** was appointed by Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) and Transitional Administrator Sergio Vieira de Mello on **20 September 2001** following the 30 August Constituent Assembly elections. The Government and its Council of Ministers will govern East Timor during the remaining transitional period before its independence as a democratic and sovereign state on 20 May 2002.
- In the nearly seven months since its swearing in, the Government has been **all East Timorese**, consistent with the progressive delegation of executive authority urged by the UN Security Council. The intention to pre-figure East Timor's government on independence is premised on the basic guiding philosophy that **you cannot fully prepare a nation for self-government without giving that nation the opportunity to truly govern itself.**
- The Transitional Government comprises a **Chief Minister, 10 Ministers, seven Vice-Ministers** and **three Secretaries of State**. The Transitional Government is supported by a number of high-level East Timorese advisors who report to the Chief Minister.
- As the Transitional Government's representative body, the **Council of Ministers collectively takes the most significant decisions of the Transitional Government on policy and financial matters**, under the Transitional Administrator's ultimate authority and in close consultation with him. The Transitional Government will also recommend to the Transitional Administrator the promulgation of legislation in close consultation with the Transitional Administrator, who retains the ultimate executive and legislative authority.
- The Council of Ministers is responsible for supervising the ministries and subsidiary directors of the **East Timor Public Administration (ETPA)**, formerly the East Timor Transitional Administration (ETTA). **ETPA**, which comprises civil service, UN and bilateral staff, implements the laws of East Timor and the programmes and policies of the Council of Ministers.
- At a 20 September 2001 swearing in ceremony, Chief Minister **Mari Alkatiri** told his fellow ministers, "We are determined that this Government be an example in restoring the values and ethics of our society. What is being asked of you is **total transparency, unconditional dedication and diligence to serve the nation.**"
- On 20 May, the day of East Timor's independence, the Transitional Government will be succeeded by the first Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor. The Cabinet will be sworn in shortly after the former Constituent Assembly transforms itself into the nation's Parliament.
- The senior members of the Second East Timor Transitional Government are as follows:



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