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Dr. Julio Tomas Pinto
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Dili, Timor-Leste

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RECOMMENDATION LETTER

I would like to draw your attention to the attached proposal by Nelson Belo to establish Timor-Leste's first civil society organization designed to monitor, report and advocate on issues relating to the security sector. Its name is Fundasaun Mahein.

I support Mr. Belo's initiative as it compliments the Government's programmes designed to develop and transform the security sector over the coming years. Belo's intention to increase citizen participation is a critical component of the Government's wider strategy to build a sound and democratic security sector subject to the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

To that end I would appreciate if you could consider supporting this proposal, as it has my strong support as well. I am open to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julio Tomas Pinto', with a date '10/04-09' written above it.

Julio Tomas Pinto
Secretary of State for Defence