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STATEMENT BY H.E. MR. HAMIDON ALI, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL OPEN DEBATE ON THE SITUATION IN TIMOR LESTE AT, NEW YORK, 22 FEBRUARY 2011

Madame President,

First and foremost, allow me to reiterate our appreciation to you and Brazil for your able leadership in steering the Security Council to deliberate an issue of importance to us. Even though the month of February seems to be a short working month, take this opportunity to congratulate you and Brazil for assuming the Presidency of the Security Council for the month of February 2011. We have no doubt that under your able leadership, the Security Council will continue to deliberate and take action on those most pressing questions regarding the maintenance of international peace and security.

2. I would like to also join others in welcome H.E Mr. Xanana Gusmão, the Prime Minister of Timor Leste who is here to personally participate in today's event and this is indeed a great honour.

Madame President

3. Malaysia continues to maintain our interest in the progress achieved thus far by our neighbour, Timor Leste. In this regard, we thank the Secretary-General for his comprehensive report on the UN Integrated Mission in Timor Leste and the updates provided by Ms. Ameera Haq, the Secretary-General's Special Representative.

Madame President,

4. Malaysia continues to be encouraged by the improvement in the security situation, even though there are still pockets of violence. This augurs well for the ongoing work on the resumption of policing responsibilities by the National Police of Timor Leste (PNTL). It is our fervent hope to see this resumption undertaken as soon as possible and in an orderly manner. We are encouraged and wish to congratulate the Government of Timor Leste with regards to the continued efforts shown by the leadership towards the eradication of corruption, and the improvement made in the judicial processes.

5. Following those achievements, Malaysia is of the opinion that the Government of Timor Leste should be able to continue its efforts at socio-economic development of the country. This will contribute to a conducive environment for attracting more investors to invest in the country. Investments that generate jobs should be the focus. Malaysia will continue to encourage its own businessmen and investors to venture in Timor Leste, either as viable business partner or to set up businesses there.

6. Malaysia also reaffirms its commitment to support and to cooperate with Timor Leste bilaterally through provision of needed skilled training for Timorese. At the multilateral level, we will continue to contribute our Police personnel to serve as long as our services are still required. In addition, we believe that Timor Leste has also expressed its keenness to join ASEAN, and in this regard, Malaysia will certainly support this aspiration.

7. Finally, Malaysia welcomes the government of Timor Leste's for their commitment on issues relating to gender and the empowerment of women. It is our hope that this element will be factored in every development efforts of the country.

I thank you, Madame President,