NATIONAL UNITY PACT

COMMITMENT FOR A PEACEFUL ELECTION

STRENGTHENING PEACE AND NATIONAL UNITY IN THE EARLY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION OF 2018

We, the leaders of the Political Parties and Coalitions, contestants of the early Parliamentary Election, with all our heart and conscience, declare that we are ready to:

1. Comply with the constitution, law and electoral regulations;
2. Respect the universal principles of electoral campaign in order to guarantee freedom of propaganda, equal opportunity and transparency;
3. Promote human rights and gender equality and inclusive participation as the foundation for strengthening democracy;
4. Say ‘No to violence’ in order to promote culture and dialogue, as a guide to strengthening peace and national unity;
5. Accept with all our heart the result of the early parliamentary election and provide support to the political party or coalition of parties which will govern.

Dili, April 7, 2018

Political party and coalition leaders:

1. Partido Esperança Pátria (PEP): Jeronimo Dos Santos (1st Vice President)
2. Partido Democrático (PD): Antonio da Concenção (General Secretary)
3. Partidu Republikanu (PR): Vicente Vias da Costa (Vice President)
4. Partidu Frente Revolucionário do Timor-Leste Independente (FRETILIN): Francisco Miranda Branco (Vice President)
5. Movimento Social Democrata (MSD): Benjamin Silveira Martins Barreto (Executive Secretary)
6. Movimentu Dezenvolvimentu Nasional (MDN): Cornelio Barros (General Secretary)
7. Frenti Dezenvolvimentu Demokratiku (FDD): Antonio de Sá Benevides (President)
8. Aliansa Mudansa ba Progresu (AMP): Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães (Director Counsellor-AMP)

Witnessed by: Dr. Alcino de Araújo Baris (President National Election Commission)