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The Hon Julie Bishop MP
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Dear Hon Bishop

TIMOR GAP TREATY

The nation East Timor is a 'new born child' in Australia's neighbourhood. It is with pride that I think of Australia's role in supporting their endeavour to freedom and democracy.

I would also look forward that Australia taking a leading role in establishing the East Timor Gap treaty in fairness and justice. It is only fair that any dispute regarding the seabed boundary between the two nations be resolved according to the directions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Rather Australia's withdrawal from the dispute settling mechanisms of the International Court of Justice and UNCLOS appear to be far from satisfactory. I would request Hon Bishop, to look into the matter and take all possible measures for a respectable outcome.

Sincerely yours
Valsa Mathew

Thank You -