

Signing of the Agreement between Timor-Leste and Australia, in New York

Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Seventh Constitutional Government

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Dili, 1st March 2018

Press Release

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On March 6th, in New York and in the presence of the Secretary-General of the UN, António Guterres, Timor-Leste and Australia will sign the new treaty on the maritime borders delimitation between the two countries. The agreement will be signed by the current Deputy Minister of the Prime Minister for the Delimitation of Borders, Agio Pereira, on behalf of Timor-Leste and by the current Minister of Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop, on behalf of Australia.

Contrary to what was expected the signing ceremony of the agreement will not be attended by the current Prime Minister of Australia, Malcom Turnbull, nor by the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, Marí Alkatiri. "The content of the agreement to be signed by Timor-Leste and Australia is related to the maritime border delimitation between the two countries and does not dwell on exploitation aspects of the Greater Sunrise. It has already been officially confirmed that the Prime Minister of Australia will not attend the signing ceremony, therefore it also makes no sense for the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste to travel to New York on March 6th", as stated by the current leader of the Seventh Constitutional Government.

After signature, the treaty will have to be ratified by the parliaments of Timor-Leste and Australia, coming into effect in the domestic legal framework of both countries. **ENDS**

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COMUNICADO DE IMPRENSA

ESCLARECIMENTO RELATIVO AO COMUNICADO DE IMPRENSA DE 01 DE MARÇO DE 2018

Relativamente ao Comunicado de Imprensa datado de 1 de Março de 2018, com o título 'Assinatura do Acordo entre Timor-Leste e a Austrália em Nova Iorque', vimos pelo presente esclarecer que, depois de contactada a Missão Permanente da República Democrática de Timor-Leste junto das Nações Unidas, em Nova Iorque, o Governo da Austrália não terá tido a intenção de se fazer representar na cerimónia de assinatura do acordo de delimitação de fronteiras marítimas entre Timor-Leste e a Austrália através do seu Primeiro-Ministro, Malcom Turnbull, mas sim através da Ministra dos Negócios Estrangeiros, Julie Bishop. **FIM**

Clarification regarding the press release of March 1, 2018

Dili, March 2, 2018

Press release

Regarding the Press Release dated March 1, 2018, entitled 'Signature of the Agreement between Timor-Leste and Australia in New York', we hereby clarify that, after contacting the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste at the United Nations in New York the Government of Australia has not intended to be represented at the signing ceremony of the maritime boundary delimitation agreement between East Timor and Australia through its Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, but through the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop. **END**



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