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Dear Sir / Madame,

I am very concerned to hear that, as a result of agreements with Australia, East Timor is set to receive only about 40% of the oil and gas royalties due to it, within what should be its own maritime territory.

I have been informed that, despite a 90/10 split in the 'Joint Petroleum Development Area', and the fact that ET will therefore receive 90/10 of the royalties from the large field of Bayu Undan, very large fields lie on the edge of, or just outside the currently defined JPDA, yet still within ET's rightful maritime claim, under the UN's Convention on the Law of the Sea.

For example, the Greater Sunrise field appears to be within East Timor's waters, but currently only 20% of it is inside the joint area - therefore East Timor gets less than 20% of the royalties from this huge field.

In other words, Australia is STILL set to get the MAJORITY of the oil royalties within East Timor's territory. How can we support this position? This is simply theft.

All of Australia's aid to East Timor is very small change compared to the resources that would flow to East Timor if they received their proper entitlements. And Australia has many other oil and gas fields, in the northwest shelf region.

Can you tell me what you are able to do to help the East Timorese get a fair go in this matter, and so that they will have the means to rebuild their new nation?

Yours sincerely

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