



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

**INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO THE TREATY ON MUTUAL LEGAL
ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS
("ASEAN MLAT")**

WHEREAS, the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, which was elevated to an ASEAN Treaty in 2019 ("ASEAN MLAT") provides the legal framework to improve the effectiveness of law enforcement authorities of the Parties in the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of offences through cooperation and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters;

WHEREAS, Article 30(2) of the ASEAN MLAT provides that any State may accede to the ASEAN MLAT upon consensus by the original Parties;

WHEREAS, all the ASEAN Member States as the original Parties reached consensus on the accession of Timor-Leste to the ASEAN MLAT; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Timor-Leste, having considered the ASEAN MLAT, hereby accedes to the same and undertakes to faithfully perform and carry out all the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Instrument of Accession is signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

DONE at Dili, Timor-Leste, this 18 November in the Year of Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized loops and flourishes, representing the signature of Bendito dos Santos Freitas.

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Bendito dos Santos Freitas
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

