



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION**  
**INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION**

**WHEREAS** the Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Secretariat was signed on 24 February 1976, in Bali, Indonesia, and the Protocols Amending the Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Secretariat signed on 27 January 1983, in Bangkok, Thailand; on 09 July 1985, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; on 04 July 1989, in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam; on 22 July 1992, in Manila, the Philippines, and on 23 July 1997, in Subang Jaya, Malaysia,

**WHEREAS** the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste has expressed its readiness to accede to the Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Secretariat as amended by its Protocols,

**NOW THEREFORE** I Bendito dos Santos Freitas, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation declare that the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, having considered the above-mentioned Agreement and its Amending Protocols, accedes to the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have signed this Instrument of Accession at Dili, Timor-Leste on 10 November 2025.



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

