



## MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

### INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION

#### TO THE PROTOCOL 8 SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT THE ASEAN FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON THE FACILITATION OF GOODS IN TRANSIT

**WHEREAS** the Protocol 8 Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Implement the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit, signed on 27 October 2000, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, made pursuant to the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit, signed on 16 December 1998, in Ha Noi, Viet Nam,

**WHEREAS** the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, on 14 March 2025, expressed its readiness to accede to the Protocol 8 Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Implement the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit,

**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 Protocol 8 Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Implement the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit, 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 13 November 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and strokes.

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

