



## MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

### INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION

**WHEREAS** the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ Treaty) was signed on 15 December 1995, in Bangkok, Thailand, and entered into force on 28 March 1997;

**WHEREAS** Paragraph 3 of Article 15 of the SEANWFZ Treaty provides that it shall be open for accession;

**WHEREAS**, the States Parties to the SEANWFZ Treaty agreed to amend the same to include the territory, continental shelf, and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone;

**WHEREAS**, the Addendum to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone was adopted on 25 May 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Bendito dos Santos Freitas, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation declare that the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, having considered the aforementioned Treaty and its Addendum, accedes to the Treaty as amended by the Addendum 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 20 October 2025.

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

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