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**REGULATION NO. 2000/2
ON THE USE OF CURRENCIES IN EAST TIMOR**

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General (hereinafter: Transitional Administrator),

Pursuant to the authority given to him under United Nations Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999,

Taking into account United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) Regulation 1999/1 of 27 November 1999 on the Authority of the Transitional Administration in East Timor,

For the purpose of regulating the use of currencies during the period of the transitional administration in East Timor;

Promulgates the following:

Section 1
Freedom of contract

1.1 The parties to a contract or to any other voluntary transaction may denominate a payment obligation in any currency they wish to agree upon.

1.2 Payments in discharge of any debt arising from a contract or any other voluntary transaction may be made in any currency the parties to the contract or the transaction have agreed upon.

Section 2
Removal of restrictions

2.1 Any restrictions on the possession, use, or disposition, of any currency, whether in specie or in a bank or any other type of account, whether situated inside or outside East Timor, that exist under the laws applied in East Timor according to UNTAET Regulation No. 1999/1, including under any applicable foreign exchange controls, are hereby removed.

2.2 In addition, any restrictions on the use of a foreign currency as a money of either account or payment under the laws applied in East Timor according to UNTAET Regulation No. 1999/1 shall cease to apply insofar as these laws conflict with any provisions of the present regulation.

Section 3
Flow of money

3.1 The import into East Timor of any currency exceeding the equivalent of US \$10,000 or the export from East Timor of any currency exceeding the equivalent of US \$5,000 must be reported to the designated authority in East Timor.

3.2 In addition, UNTAET will promulgate a separate regulation to enhance its capabilities in combating any illicit flow of monies into and from East Timor effectively.

Section 4
Budgets, financial records and accounts

The budgets, financial records and accounts of all physical and legal persons, including private enterprises, government, municipal and other public bodies, units, agencies or institutions and UNTAET will be made in a currency designated in a regulation to be promulgated by UNTAET.

Section 5
Compulsory payments

Compulsory payments in East Timor may be assessed and required to be made in a currency as designated in an UNTAET regulation. This regulation will also establish the requirements that apply to compulsory payments made in rupiah.

Section 6
Definitions

For the purposes of this regulation it shall be understood that

(a) "Compulsory payment" means any payment made to the public authority other than under a contract or any other voluntary transaction, and includes the payment of taxes, custom dues, excise, levies, fees, charges and penalties, as well as any payment to public utilities or according to a court order;

(b) "Rupiah" means the official currency of the Republic of Indonesia issued by the Bank of Indonesia under the relevant law of the Republic of Indonesia;

Section 7
Entry into force

The present regulation shall enter into force on 14 January 2000.

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Transitional Administrator