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**REGULATION NO. 2000/27**

**ON THE TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRANSACTIONS IN LAND IN EAST  
TIMOR BY INDONESIAN CITIZENS NOT HABITUALLY RESIDENT IN EAST  
TIMOR AND BY INDONESIAN CORPORATIONS**

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 ensuring that, pending the outcome of assets and claims discussions between UNTAET and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, the legitimate claims of the people of East Timor against the Republic of Indonesia, Indonesian citizens, and Indonesian corporations, are not prejudiced,

After consultation in the National Consultative Council,

Promulgates the following:

**Section 1**

**Ineffectiveness of certain transactions by Indonesian citizens and corporations**

Until decided otherwise by the Transitional Administrator, any contract or agreement, whether in writing or otherwise, by:

- (a) a citizen of Indonesia not habitually resident in East Timor; or
- (b) an Indonesian corporation,

to sell any interest in land in East Timor or any land right in East Timor, shall have no effect.

## Section 2

### Ineffectiveness of certain transactions by Indonesian citizens and corporations

Until decided otherwise by the Transitional Administrator, any contract or agreement, whether in writing or otherwise, by:

- (a) a citizen of Indonesia not habitually resident in East Timor; or
- (b) an Indonesian corporation,

to grant any leasehold interest in land in East Timor, shall have no effect.

## Section 3

### Unenforceability of ineffective transactions

Pursuant to the present regulation, an East Timorese court of competent jurisdiction exercising judicial authority pursuant to UNTAET Regulation No. 2000/11 shall not enforce a contract, agreement or other transaction which is ineffective by operation of Sections 1 and 2 of the present regulation.

## Section 4

### Definitions

For the purposes of the present regulation, “Indonesian corporation” shall mean a corporation that has been incorporated in Indonesia or a corporation in which an Indonesian citizen has a controlling or substantial interest.

## Section 5

### Entry into force

The present regulation shall be deemed to have entered into force as of 25 October 1999.

Sergio Vieira de Mello  
Transitional Administrator