

PEACE CORPS

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and EAST TIMOR**

Signed at Dili May 24, 2002



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

EAST TIMOR

Peace Corps

*Agreement signed at Dili May 24, 2002;
Entered into force May 24, 2002.*

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR
CONCERNING THE PROGRAM OF THE PEACE CORPS IN THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR

The Government of the United States of America (hereinafter "the United States") and the Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor (hereinafter "East Timor"), recognizing the importance of developing mutually advantageous relationships and cooperation between their countries, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The United States shall furnish such Peace Corps Volunteers as may be requested by East Timor and approved by the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in East Timor.
2. The Volunteers shall work under the immediate supervision of governmental and private organizations in East Timor designated by the two governments.
3. The United States shall provide training to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks in the most effective manner.
4. East Timor shall bear such share of the costs of the Peace Corps program incurred in East Timor as the two governments may agree.

ARTICLE II

1. East Timor shall accord equitable treatment to the Volunteers and personnel performing functions under contract with the Peace Corps and their dependents and property; accord them and their property full aid and protection, including treatment no less favorable than that accorded generally to nationals of the United States residing in East Timor; and fully inform, consult, and cooperate with representatives of the United States with respect to all matters concerning them.
2. East Timor shall exempt the Volunteers and persons performing functions under contract with the Peace Corps who are not citizens or permanent residents of East Timor from all taxes on payments that they receive to defray their living costs, on income derived from their Peace Corps work, and on income from other sources outside East Timor; from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into East Timor for their own use; and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration/visa fees), except license fees. East Timor shall

issue residence permits and visas (including multiple-entry visas), without fee or other charge, to Volunteers and persons performing functions under contract with the Peace Corps.

ARTICLE III

1. The United States shall provide the Volunteers, the Peace Corps Representative, and staff of the Representative with such limited quantities of equipment and supplies as the two governments may consider necessary to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks effectively.
2. East Timor shall exempt from all taxes (including value-added taxes), customs duties, and other charges all equipment, supplies, and other goods and services introduced into or acquired in East Timor by the United States, or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

ARTICLE IV

1. To enable the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this agreement, East Timor shall receive a Peace Corps Representative and such staff of the Representative (including employees and contractor personnel as designated by the Peace Corps Representative), and members of their families forming part of their households, as are acceptable to East Timor. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other agreement, East Timor shall exempt such persons, and members of their families forming part of their households, who are not citizens or permanent residents of East Timor from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or other sources outside East Timor, from all customs duties and other charges on their personal property introduced into East Timor for their own use, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration/visa fees), except license fees. In addition, such persons, and members of their families forming part of their households, shall be accorded status equivalent to that accorded administrative and technical staff personnel of the diplomatic mission of the United States, except they shall not be accorded immunities.
2. East Timor shall issue residence permits and visas (including multiple-entry visas), without fee or other charge, to the Peace Corps Representative, staff, and individuals performing functions under this agreement, and members of their families forming part of their households.

ARTICLE V

East Timor shall exempt from investment and deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into East Timor for use in accordance with this agreement by the United States or contractors financed by it. Such funds shall be convertible into the currency of East Timor at the highest rate that is not unlawful in East Timor.

ARTICLE VI

1. Appropriate representatives of the two governments may from time to time make such arrangements with respect to Peace Corps Volunteers and Peace Corps programs in East Timor as appear necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing this agreement.
2. Any disputes arising under this agreement shall be resolved amicably by the two governments.

ARTICLE VII

The undertakings of each government herein are subject to the availability of funds.

ARTICLE VIII

This agreement may be amended from time to time by mutual consent of the two governments. In the event of a conflict between this agreement and a future agreement regarding cooperation to facilitate assistance, this agreement shall prevail concerning the Peace Corps program.

ARTICLE IX

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of the written notification from either government to the other of its intention to terminate the agreement.

Done at Dili on Twenty-fourth of May Two Thousand and Two.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF EAST TIMOR:

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is for the United States, and the signature on the right is for the Democratic Republic of East Timor. The signatures are written in a cursive style.