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Budget for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General, in his report to the Security Council on the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) dated 4 February 2009 (S/2009/72), informed the Council that his Special Representative had received official requests from the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste and the President of the National Electoral Commission for technical, logistical and operational support, including security, communications and transport, in preparation for village and municipal elections planned for 2009. In the same report, the Secretary-General also recommended to the Council that the Mission provide the logistical, security and human resources (mainly United Nations Volunteers) necessary to respond to the Government's request for assistance for the 2009 local elections.

2. Responding to the recommendation of the Secretary-General, the Security Council, in its resolution 1867 (2009), requested the Mission to extend the necessary support, within its current mandate, for the local elections currently planned for 2009, and encouraged the international community to assist in this process.

3. As the proposed budget for the maintenance of UNMIT for the 2009/10 financial period in the amount of $210,610,000 gross (see A/63/710) was submitted to the General Assembly prior to the adoption by the Security Council of its resolution 1867 (2009), it does not contain resource requirements for the support of village and municipal elections in Timor-Leste.

4. The preparations for the local elections in Timor-Leste are scheduled to commence in May 2009, with the elections expected to be completed in April 2010.

5. Support from UNMIT for the elections would be implemented in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through a joint UNMIT-UNDP Electoral Support Team reporting to the Deputy Special

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Representative of the Secretary-General for Governance Support, Development and Humanitarian Coordination and with overall guidance from the Electoral Assistance Division of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs. The Electoral Support Team would seek to help strengthen the institutional capacity of the two electoral management bodies in Timor-Leste, namely, the National Electoral Commission and the Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration.

6. The estimated resource requirements for support from UNMIT for the local elections in Timor-Leste for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 amount to $3,073,200 gross, representing 1.5 per cent of the proposed 2009/10 budget, and would provide for the temporary deployment of six international (2 P-4, 4 P-3) and six national staff, including two National Officers, as well as 62 United Nations Volunteers.

7. Assistance to the National Electoral Commission and the Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration in the preparation and conduct of local elections would require dedicated support for the development, coordination and implementation of logistical arrangements related to the elections, as well as the provision of advice on the coordination of electoral activities and monitoring of elections (Electoral Operations/Logistics Advisers, 1 P-4 and 1 P-3, and Electoral Team Coordinator, 1 P-4) and the provision of advice on all legal aspects of the electoral process (Legal Advisers, 3 P-3).

8. The incumbents of the 62 temporary United Nations Volunteer positions would provide advice and support to the National Electoral Commission and Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration headquarters and electoral district staff in the planning, management and monitoring of logistical arrangements for the conduct of elections (47 United Nations Volunteers), provide support to and monitor the preparations for elections, and provide advice on compliance with internationally accepted electoral standards of the electoral activities at all polling centres; provide support to and advice on civic education and a public information campaign (14 United Nations Volunteers), as well as administrative support for the United Nations Volunteers to be deployed in connection with the elections (1 United Nations Volunteer).

9. The incumbents of the six temporary national staff positions would include a Translator/Interpreter (National Officer) for the translation of all documents related to the elections and interpretation at meetings from English to Tetum; a Public Information Officer (National Officer) who would liaise with local and international media, prepare press releases and other information materials for dissemination through the media and contribute to the organization of media conferences and other public relations events; two Administrative Assistants (national General Service staff) who would provide clerical and administrative support to the Electoral Support Team and two Drivers (national General Service staff).

10. Of the total estimated resource requirements for the support for local elections in the amount of $3,073,200, the amount of $826,400 pertains to the cost of the temporary recruitment of six international and six national staff under general temporary assistance, the amount of $2,101,000 would cover the deployment of 62 United Nations Volunteers, and the amount of $145,800 would be required for within-mission travel of the temporary personnel. The estimated additional resource requirements take into account the application of delayed recruitment factors of 25,

10 and 15 per cent in the computation of the costs of international and national staff, and United Nations Volunteers, respectively.

11. The intention is to absorb resource requirements for the support of local elections in Timor-Leste from within the proposed 2009/10 budget for UNMIT through the implementation of additional efficiency measures under operational costs during the budget period. The actual expenditures related to the support for the local elections will be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the Mission's budget performance report for the 2009/10 period.

12. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of UNMIT is to take note of the resource requirements for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 for the support of the local elections in Timor-Leste in the amount of $3,073,200.**