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Timor-Leste and Indonesia held an Exploratory Meeting on Maritime Boundaries

The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Republic of Indonesia convened an Exploratory Meeting on Maritime Boundaries Delimitation in Bali from 10-11 December 2018.

Timor-Leste's delegation was led by the Chief Negotiator H.E. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão. The delegation of Indonesia was led by Damos Dumoli Agusman, Director General for Legal Affairs and International Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The two countries met in a spirit of cooperation to discuss key technical and administrative matters.

“After the success of our Maritime Boundary Treaty with Australia, the meeting in Bali was a significant step towards commencing formal negotiations on our maritime boundaries with Indonesia,” said the Chief Negotiator H.E. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão.

The Exploratory Meeting was followed by the 4th Senior Officials' Consultations on the Land Borders between the two countries, which was held in Dili on 13-14 December 2018.

The Government spokesperson, Agio Pereira, said “the Exploratory Meeting in Indonesia was very productive and set a positive tone for maritime boundary delimitation with Indonesia in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and international law.” **ENDS**



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