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Chair of EITI Board  
Ruselokkveien 26  
0251 Oslo  
Norway

**Re: Request for Extension in accordance with EITI STANDARD ARTICLE 7 - EXTENSIONS**

Dear Hon. Mrs. Helen Clark,

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Timor-Leste requests an extension to publication of the 14<sup>th</sup> TL-EITI Report.

The main reason for the extension request is due to the transition and the formation of the new Timor-Leste's constitutional government and the structural changes at MSG, TIMOR GAP, E.P, and ANP, which have contributed to delays and problems for the quorum in deciding on a bidding process to recruit a new Independent Administrator (IA) for 2023.

The submission of proposals from the IA candidates, as part of the public tender processes, was only finalized on September 28, 2023. Thus, with the recent changes and transition in the government, it is likely that the procurement assessment and selection of an Independent Administrator (IA) will be further delayed.

TL-EITI MSGW has made all efforts to meet all of the deadlines to publish EITI reports in compliance with the 2019 EITI Standards. However, given the circumstances mentioned above, the MSGW seeks the understanding and consideration of the EITI Board to grant an extension for the publication of the 2021 TL-EITI Report.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours Sincerely,



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