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The Committee should press the Australian Government to:

1. resolve the outstanding seabed boundary AND the related resource sharing disputes between Australian and East Timor according to international law, and with the assistance of international arbitration, if agreement cannot easily be reached

3. do this in a timely manner, so that the people of East Timor are not wrongly deprived of resources in particular from the rich oil and gas fields of Greater Sunrise, to the northeast of the Joint Petroleum Development Area, but also the oil and gas fields to the southwest.

Failure to do so will result in Australia's aid contribtions being dwarfed.

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