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### **Diskursu atu taka TLDPM**

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Timor Leste has made tremendous progress, and congratulations to its government and its people. The New Deal, the Strategic Development Plan, and the government's five year plan have given us the framework we need. The improved security situation is allowing all of us to concentrate on development and on how we can improve our processes, adjust our programs, and ensure our budgets meet our ambitions.

All agree that the needs are important and urgent. As we all travel thru the country, we see the growing presence of the government throughout the country in the form of primary schools, agricultural extension services, office buildings, and Timor Leste's growing corps of medical graduates.

We see the differences between the capital and the districts. We see mothers and babies whose lives our work can help save. We see hundreds of eager young faces who seek the education they need to participate successfully in the modern economy and Timor-Leste's democracy. We see farmers taking the risk to move from subsistence farming to market-oriented agriculture. We see strong men and strong women standing up in favor of peace and reconciliation and against domestic violence.

The discussions in this year's TLDPM have been exceptionally valuable. We look forward to continuing our conversations over the course of this development year. We welcome the enhanced opportunities for all of us to meet regularly to coordinate and re-align, in each sector and at the policy level. We look forward to further discussions on how to balance the tradeoffs between the vital but long term process of human and institutional capacitation and the urgent need to deliver results to the people of Timor-Leste. In conformity with the New Deal, we want to work together to 'unbundle' priorities so we can tackle the practical problems like vehicle management or refrigeration for medicines that can limit our success if we forget about them.

The United States looks forward to working with Timor Leste's international development partners and with you -- the government, the private sector, the civil society, and the people of Timor Leste.

Thank you.