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Chair of EITI Board
Ruselokkveien 26
0251 Oslo
Norway

Re: Request for Extension in accordance with EITI Requirement 8.5

Dear **Hon. Mrs Helen Clark**

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Timor-Leste request an extension to publication of the 12th TL-EITI report due to the pandemic.

The main reason for an extension of the pandemic and the recent natural disaster in April 2021 also delayed the MSWG to finalize the new terms of reference to select a new Independent Administrator.

The submission of proposals from the IA candidates, as part of the public tender processes, was only finalized on 20 August 2021. Thus, with the recent Government's declaration of mandatory confinement, it is likely that the procurement assessment and selection of IA would be further delayed.

TL-EITI MSWG has made all the 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 MSWG seeks the understanding and consideration of EITI Board to grant extension for the publication of 2019 TL-EITI Report.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Victor da Conceição Soares
Minister of Petroleum and Minerals