



# Centro Nacional Chega! I.P

*Da Memória à Esperança*

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Regular Meeting of Timorese Reconciliation Process Task Force Establishment (TRP-TFE)**

Dili, 12 February 2025 – The Centro Nacional Chega! I.P convened a regular meeting to establish the Timorese Reconciliation Process Task Force, which will be held at the Conference Room, Antigo Comarca Balide, Dili. The meeting is participated by Resistance Organizations, Civil Societies, and Government Institutions, including Komité 12 Novembru, the Dewan Solidaritas Mahasiswa Pemuda dan Pelajar Timor-Timur (DSMPPTT), ASSEPPOL, the Association of Victims 1974-1999, Forum Komunikasi Pejuang Timor-Timur (FKPTT), FITUN, OPJELATIL, Sagrada Familia, DPP IMPETU, Jersaun Patriota, RENETIL, Acbit, AJAR, the HAK Association, CNJTL, PDHJ, the Presidency of the Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, and g7+.

The main goal was to form a Task Force implementing the Ambeno Peace Declaration (APD) to promote human fraternity and build sustainable peace. This initiative aligns with the strategic and annual plans of Centro Chega!, which aim to ensure that “historical memories are preserved, and public entities and societies are committed to human rights values.” The specific objective is “The Conflict Prevention and effective reconciliation to have existed.” The expected outcome is “Timorese who are living in Indonesia and Timor-Leste have participated in the reconciliation process and have fostered recommendations to the state of Timor-Leste and Indonesia.”

The Task Force will conduct and engage victims in dialogue about reconciliation issues through the historical events commemoration. A mechanism will be developed and promoted to address obstacles hindering the reconciliation process and support sustainable peacebuilding efforts among Timor-Leste and Indonesian societies and the Timorese community. The aim is to explore how a constructive and inclusive reconciliation model can contribute to peacebuilding and justice. The Task Force will actively collaborate with the Timor-Leste government to convene the Senior Officials’ Meeting and establish a Free Zone in the border area to facilitate the reconciliation process and cultural ceremonies.

The Task Force will coordinate and consult with relevant parties, including local authorities, traditional elders, veterans, churches, and youth in the municipality to facilitate reconciliation efforts. Besides, the Task Force coordinates and meets with the relevant authorities in Indonesia and Timor-Leste regarding reconciliation issues,

and effective advocacy will be conducted with the governments of Indonesia and Timor-Leste to ensure the implementation of the Commission of Truth and Friendship (CVA – Portuguese Acronym) recommendations, which aim to encourage the sovereign bodies to adopt policy and reparations law that guarantee justice for the victims of human rights violations during the conflict from 1974 to 1999, including the formal recognition of the victims.

Meanwhile, during the 2024 Border Festival held in Oe-Cusse Ambeno, participants from various organizations participated in the exchange program, including members of the Resistance Organization, the Youth Organization, the Patriot Generation, ASSEPOL, the Victims Association, and Timorese representatives from West Timor under the Forum Komunikasi Perjuangan Timor-Timur (FKPTT). As a result of their exchange, demonstrating a strong commitment to human fraternity and reconciliation, the Ambeno Declaration was successfully discussed and produced.

The Ambeno Declaration marks an essential step in demonstrating the sincerity of Timor-Leste's commitment to release from the cycle of revenge rooted in past political conflicts. The Declaration includes a series of commitments and action points that will be implemented by Timor-Leste and Indonesia, particularly focusing on the Timorese community in West Timor.

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The Centro Nacional Chega! I.P. From Memory to Hope was established by Decree-Law No. 48/2016 on December 14th with the vision of "Inclusive societies, history of the past to be unrepeated, living peacefully, and respecting human rights." Its mission is to establish post-conflict centers, preserve the memories of the past, promote the values of human rights, build national and international partners, and strengthen the network to implement the relevant recommendations made in the final Report of the Commission for Reception, Truth, and Reconciliation (CAVR)-Chega!, and Truth and Friendship Commission (TFC) – Per Memoriam Ad Spem."