



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION**

**INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION**

**TO THE ASEAN PROTOCOL ON ENHANCED DISPUTE SETTLEMENT  
MECHANISM**

**WHEREAS** the ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism, signed on 20 December 2019, in Manila, Philippines,

**WHEREAS** the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste has expressed its readiness to accede to the ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism,

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Bendito dos Santos Freitas, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, declare that the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, having considered the above-mentioned ASEAN Protocol on Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism, accedes to the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have signed this Instrument of Accession at Dili, Timor-Leste on 13 November 2025.

A blue ink signature of Bendito dos Santos Freitas, written in a cursive style.

**Bendito dos Santos Freitas**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation  
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

