Annex 14:
Letter from Timor-Leste to the Commission of 6 December 2016

PRESIDÊNCIA DO
CONSELHO
DE MINISTROS
VI GOVERNO CONSTITUCIONAL

Gabinete do
Ministro

REF: **889** /PCM/XII/2016

Data/Date:
6 December 2016

Para/To:
Mr Garth Schofield, Senior Legal Counsel, Permanent Court of Arbitration
Email: gschofield@pca-cpa.org

Assunto/Subject:
PCA Case No 2016-10: Conciliation Proceedings between the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia pursuant to Article 298 and Annex V of UNCLOS

Dear Sir,

I refer to the Commission's proposal on confidence-building measures.

Pursuant to point 2 of the Commission's proposal, please find **enclosed** a letter from H.E. Dr Rui Maria de Araújo, Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, to the Chairman of the Conciliation Commission, confirming Timor-Leste's commitment to negotiate permanent maritime boundaries with Australia.

Yours faithfully,

Agio Pereira
Minister of State and the Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Agent for Timor-Leste

CC: **Elizabeth Exposto**
Email: e.exposto@gfm.tl

Díli, 6 December 2016

Assunto/Subject: PCA Case No 2016-10: Conciliation Proceedings between the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia pursuant to Article 298 and Annex V of UNCLOS

Dear Ambassador,

I refer to the above proceedings and the Commission's proposal no. 2 on confidence-building measures.

I am pleased formally to confirm Timor-Leste's commitment to negotiate permanent maritime boundaries with Australia.

Timor-Leste looks forward to working with Australia and the Commission in resolving this long-standing dispute between the two countries.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Rui Maria de Araújo
Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

H.E. Ambassador Peter Taksøe-Jensen
Chairman of the Conciliation Commission

Cc: H.E. Mr Agio Pereira, Agent for Timor-Leste
Email: Agio.Pereira@pcm.gov.tl

Elizabeth Exposto, Deputy Agent for Timor-Leste
Email: E.Exposto@gfm.tl