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EAST TIMOR DONOR MEETINGS OPEN JUNE 21 IN LISBON

LISBON, June 20, 2000— *The World Bank* and the *United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor* (UNTAET) will co-chair a meeting on East Timor's reconstruction and development in Lisbon, June 21 - 23. Donors are convening to discuss the existing work program for the reconstruction of East Timor and resource mobilization for the civil service.

"The Lisbon meetings present an opportunity for the international community to identify strengths and weaknesses early in the process and move forward together in support of the Timorese people." says **Sarah Cliffe**, Resident Representative of the World Bank in East Timor.

Representatives from East Timor, bi- and multilateral development agencies and NGOs will meet in Lisbon later this week to review the progress of East Timor's reconstruction and development, following on the Tokyo meeting of donors in December 1999; the first such meeting for East Timor.

"We see coordination between development agencies under East Timorese leadership as key to success. The reconstruction of East Timor is urgent, yet it is essential that the quality of the development process is not imperiled.", says **Klaus Rohland**, World Bank Country Director for East Timor.

The donors' meeting is immediately preceded by a Donors' Council of the World Bank administered Trust Fund for East Timor (TFET), which will seek to confirm a work program for East Timor's reconstruction and development from July to December 2000. The first six months of TFET activities will be reviewed.

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