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**Press Release**

**CAC Commissioner to Participate in the ICHA Conference in Washington**

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*Dili, 01/06/2012*—Anti-Corruption Commissioner Adérito de Jesus Soares is scheduled to participate in the World Bank’s International Corruption Hunters Alliance (ICHA) Second Biennial Meeting in Washington, DC from 5-6 June 2012. Commissioner Adérito Soares’ presence in the conference is as a guest representing Timor-Leste.

This international event will bring together senior officials of corruption investigating bodies, prosecuting authorities, and international organizations from over 130 countries with two objectives; to demonstrate and discuss progress on the priority actions identified in the 2010 inaugural meeting of the alliance and to further advance the global fight against corruption through technological innovations.

Commissioner Adérito Soares is expected to speak in the session on **“Sharing Strategies and Success Stories for Facing Challenges in International Anti-Corruption Efforts.”** He will share Timor-Leste’s experience regarding strategies and challenges in institutional building and the role of the Anti-Corruption Commission (CAC) in combating corruption.

At the 2010 meeting, more than 250 Alliance members agreed on priority actions to step up criminal action against corrupt officials; pursue mufti-jurisdictional prosecutions; track and return illegal proceeds; provide effective tools and information to prevent and attack corruption; and monitor and disclose investigative results.

Commissioner Adérito Soares is expected to return to Timor-Leste on 12 June 2012 after a two-day training organized jointly by the George Washington University Law School and Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative on asset recovery.

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