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**Press Release**

**UNCAC Review Experts End Five-Day Site Visit to Timor-Leste**

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*Dili, 25/05/2012*— The review experts on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) concluded today a five-day on site visit in Timor-Leste. During the course of the week, the UNCAC delegation met and discussed with law makers, relevant government officials, law enforcement authorities and civil society representative as well paid courtesy visits to the National Parliament, Office of Prime Minister and the United Nations system.

During the meetings with Timor-Leste’s authorities, the delegation tried to examine whether the country is in compliance with the Convention’s obligation pertaining to criminalization and law enforcement and international cooperation as reported in its Self-Assessment Review Mechanism. The experts were impressed that Timor-Leste has made some significant milestones in a short period of its independence and in difficult conditions. They were satisfied with the level of UNCAC implementation in Timor-Leste, particularly with the legal framework in place concerning corruption prevention and criminalization.

Their findings also identified several best practices for possible replication in other countries and made recommendations for future improvement, as well as measures for strengthening existing frameworks. In addition, their findings also recommended for the need of technical assistance to assist Timor-Leste’s capacity to fight corruption.

The delegation is expected to present the site visit report to the Government of Timor-Leste by end of June 2012. The Anti-Corruption Commission of Timor-Leste will work closely with the Secretariat of the UNCAC Review Mechanism in Vienna and the State-Parties from Namibia and Fiji and the Anti-Corruption Commission (CAC) to finalize the report.

At the last day of the visit, the delegation held a final debriefing with the Anti-Corruption Commission team with a draft executive summary of the findings to advance on the completion of the final country report.

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