

Remarks by Mr. Licinio Branco

Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Timor-Leste to the UN

On the Occasion of the FPCD Luncheon hosted by FPCD Founding International Advisory Board
Member H.E. Christian Wenaweser, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the
Principality of Liechtenstein to the United Nations

June 19, 2024

Thank you Ambassador Christian for hosting this gathering in your Mission.

I would like to express my gratitude to Ms. Claudia Abate for the invitation addressed to Ambassador Dionísio and myself. Due to a previous commitment, my Ambassador is unable to attend this lunch but sends his greetings to you all.

Excellencies!

I have known Ms Abate and her work for more than 10 years.

I can share the good work that the Foundation for Post Conflict/FPCD has done in Timor-Leste through the creation of 3 youth centers, and a Reforestation and Family Income Project supported by the Government of Monaco for over 7 years. The project is done in conjunction with the Office of H.E. President Jose Ramos-Horta, the Nobel Peace Prize Winner.

Close to my heart, is the establishment of the Prince Rainier III of Monaco's Maternity Clinic in Timor-Leste especially in my hometown, the sub-district of Same, District of Manufahi. It is not only a special memory, but the impact it had on families is still felt today, including saving lives and making sure community babies have a healthy start. I was so happy to assist personally when Prince Albert II and Madame Claudia went to the inauguration of the Clinic in 2008.

The Maternity Clinic Model supported by Prince Albert and FPCD was a success story showcasing not only the generosity of people to help but how these help have been able to have an impact on the population.

Our Prime Minister, H.E. Xanana Gusmão incorporated this project as a model in the National Strategic Development Plan of his government - intending to replicate this type of project in every district throughout Timor-Leste.

I am very happy to be here today and exchange with you on the work of FPCD and what the future holds for this Nobel task. I can assure you that Timor-Leste fully supports your work and we stand to support all your activities when needed. On a personal level, I am committed and as someone who has seen the impact of this work on my people, I wish that this Nobel project be continued to help those who are in most need.

Thank you.