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### FRETILIN

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### **Negotiations on new government making progress**

**FRETILIN, the major party in Timor Leste (East Timor) after the 30 June parliamentary elections, said today it was satisfied with the progress of negotiations on the formation of a government and a program for national development, and reaffirmed that it would designate the next Prime Minister.**

The FRETILIN negotiating team is led by party President Francisco Guterres Lu Olo and General Secretary Dr Mari Alkatiri.

Dr Alkatiri said: "The aim of FRETILIN and President of the Republic Jose Ramos Horta in these negotiations has been to find a solution which will bring stability to the country. That is why we invited all parties to form a government of 'Grand Inclusion'.

"No agreement has yet been reached, but we are satisfied with the progress of negotiations.

"We are currently holding bilateral negotiations with each of the Democratic Party (PD), the Association of Timorese Social Democrats (ASDT), UNDERTIM and the Democratic Alliance between KOTA and PPT. These talks have focused on policies and programs for national development.

"We are also negotiating with CNRT through the President of the Republic. I am always ready to meet Mr Gusmao as leader of CNRT to discuss policies and the program for national development."

Dr Alkatiri welcomed the efforts of the President of the Republic during the negotiations. He said: "President Ramos Horta's conduct so far has maintained the integrity of and respect for the Constitution of Timor-Leste and he has worked hard to bring the political parties together to find an acceptable solution."

Dr Alkatiri added: "FRETILIN has the constitutional right to appoint the Prime Minister and the party will appoint the Prime Minister from its Central Committee."

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