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AUSTRALIA-EAST TIMOR ASSOCIATION

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December 18, 1975.

The Minister,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
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My dear Minister,

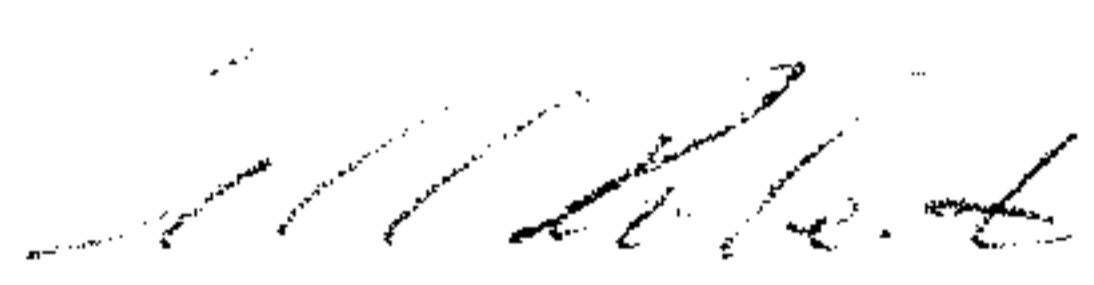
We would like to inform you of the formation of the Australia-East Timor Association. The Association was formed on Sunday, December 7, 1975 - the same day that Indonesia invaded the capital of the Democratic Republic of East Timor.

The general aims of the Association are to support all the hopes and aspirations of the East Timorese people in their struggle to maintain independence.

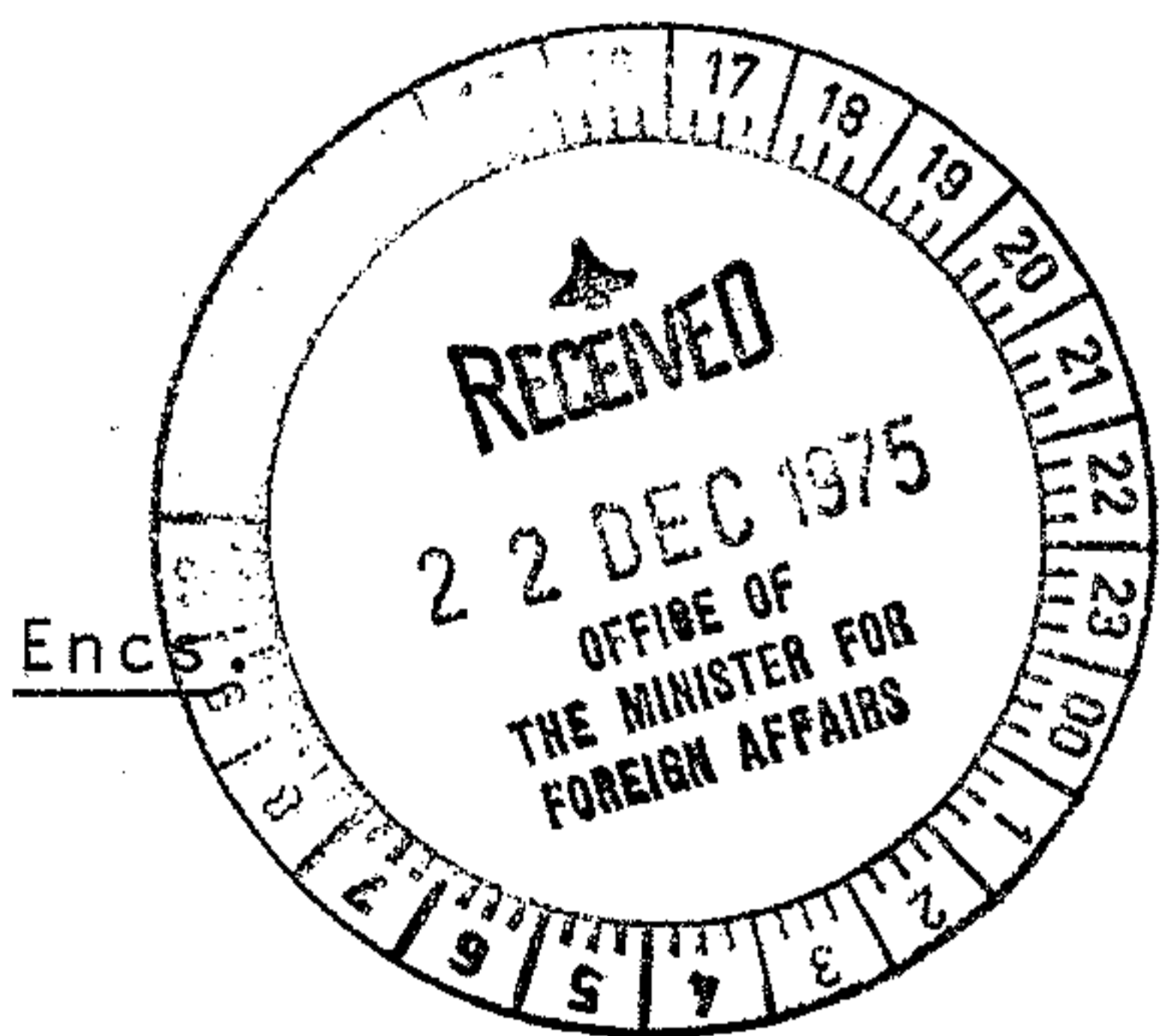
An additional aim is to raise the conscience of not only Australians, but all people throughout the world.

We enclose copy of the resolutions which were passed at the inaugural meeting together with copies of the Timor Information Bulletin.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr) Bill Roberts
Chairman



(a) Sending an urgent reply paid telegram to Fraser and Whitlam asking them to condemn (in the last week of the election campaign) Indonesian aggression in East Timor and calling on the Suharto government to withdraw its invasion forces.

(b) and asking them in the event of Indonesia failing to so act, will they pledge that if elected next Saturday their Government will withdraw military and economic aid to Indonesia.

16. There were six resolutions for which we don't have the exact wording at present referring to neutrality for hospitals, safe facilities for refugees, withdrawal of the joint resolution to UN with Indonesia and a firm and realistic resolution that could be urged. Establishment of a neutral zone for press in or near Dili.