

MEDALHA SOLIDARIEDADE DE TIMOR-LESTE

Background

1. The *Medalha Solidariedade de Timor-Leste* (Timor-Leste Solidarity Medal) is a State decoration awarded to National and International Security forces for their contribution to stability and peace operations in Timor-Leste. This document outlines the considerations and criteria for the awarding of the Timor-Leste Solidarity Medal for National and International recipients of this award.

INTERNATIONAL FORCES – AWARDING CONSIDERATIONS

2. **Criteria for Eligibility.** International nominations will be considered for personnel who satisfy both Criteria A and B as follows:

Criteria A – Personnel Qualification:

- a. Military or Police personnel who served on a mandated mission to assist with Peace and Stability operations in Timor-Leste during the prescribed time period; or
- b. Military or Police personnel, including unsworn police personnel, who were posted to a recognised bilateral support mission to Timor-Leste such as Police / Defence Cooperation Programs and Defence staff within Embassies in Timor-Leste during the prescribed time period.

Criteria B – Time Qualification:

- a. Having served a minimum of 180 days continuous or accrued service in Timor-Leste from 1 May 2006; or
- b. Nominations will be considered for personnel that have served a minimum of 120 days from 1 May 06; or
- c. Nominations will be considered for personnel who served with a start date in May or June 2006 for a period at least 90 days; or
- d. The President of the Republic will consider extra-ordinary cases outside the above time-periods. Applications for extra-ordinary cases must be approved and submitted through National missions to be considered and approved by the President of the Republic. Notification of approved cases will be returned in writing.

3. **Posthumous awarding.** Awards will be granted to individuals that have died since qualifying for this medal or individuals who died on duty in Timor-Leste during the qualifying period.

4. **Nomination Submissions.** Nominations are to be submitted to the Chief of Cabinet in the Office of the President, in the following manner:

- a. A nomination matrix is to be attached to a submission cover letter including as a minimum details of each nominee as follows: Rank, Surname, Given Name (or Initials), Mission (ISF/UN/Defence or Police Cooperation etc), Dates of Service and Number of Days in Timor-Leste.

b. A nominee 'exemption' list is to be provided separately for all personnel who are nominated with less than 180 days service, in accordance with the categories outlined above.

c. Nominations lists will be accepted at any time in the future as further personnel qualify for the medal and additional nominations are submitted for previous service.

5. **Home country approval.** Governments of supporting countries have been requested to approve the wearing of the Timor-Leste Solidarity Medal with nationally appointed medals.

6. **Presentation of Medals.** Formal awarding ceremonies will be held in Timor-Leste for International service personnel who are working in country at the time of distribution. It is likely the earliest medal parade in Timor-Leste will be 20 May 2009.

7. Medals will be presented to Heads of Mission in Timor-Leste for onward distribution to the qualified recipients that have returned to their country.

8. **Medal sets to be awarded.** Awards are presented in a presentation case consisting of a medal, a miniature medal and a ribbon bar. Additional ribbon is provided in each boxed set for the purpose of mounting medals.

9. **Point of Contact.** All correspondence should be directed to the Directorate of Honours and Awards in Canberra. Serving members will be processed automatically through the DRN.

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