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His Excellency Guilhermino De Silva
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Your Excellency

I am the President of the Judicial Conference of Australia, which is the representative body of the judiciary in Australia. We are a self-funding body, independent of government.

I have today written letters to the President and Prime Minister of Timor-Leste expressing our serious concern about the recent events affecting the judiciary that have occurred in your country. I enclose copies of those letters.

The Judicial Conference of Australia supports the independence of the courts of Timor-Leste and the maintenance of the due process of law in your country.

We will continue to closely monitor developments and assure you of our ongoing support for respect of the rule of law by all persons in a Constitutional democracy such as Timor-Leste.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S Rares', written over a light blue horizontal line.

The Honourable Justice Steven Rares
President

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