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**Resolution 1480 (2003)****Adopted by the Security Council at its 4758th meeting, on  
19 May 2003***The Security Council,**Reaffirming* its previous resolutions on Timor-Leste, in particular resolutions 1410 (2002) of 17 May 2002 and 1473 (2003) of 4 April 2003,*Commending* the efforts of the people and Government of Timor-Leste and the progress achieved in developing the institutions of an independent state and in promoting a stable, equitable society based on democratic values and respect for human rights,*Commending also* the work of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISSET), under the leadership of the Secretary-General's Special Representative, in assisting the government of Timor-Leste in developing the nation's infrastructure, public administration, law enforcement and defence capacities, and in planning for the completion of UNMISSET's mandate, including through the creation of a mission liquidation task force,*Stressing* that improving the overall capabilities of the Timor-Leste police force is a key priority,*Welcoming* the continuing progress in developing a positive bilateral relationship between the Governments of Timor-Leste and Indonesia which is crucial for the future stability of Timor-Leste, and encouraging continued efforts by both governments to secure agreement on the issue of border demarcation; to promote security in the border area; to facilitate the resettlement of East Timorese remaining in West Timor; and to bring to justice those responsible for serious crimes committed in 1999,*Recognizing* the importance of continued efforts to transfer skills and authority from UNMISSET to the government of Timor-Leste in a coordinated and structured manner in the run-up to UNMISSET's withdrawal, with the aim of helping ensure the long-term security and stability of Timor-Leste,*Noting* the planned end-date for UNMISSET of 20 May 2004, as indicated in the Mandate Implementation Plan set out in the Secretary-General's report of 17 April 2002 (S/2002/432), and in the special report of the Secretary-General of 3 March 2003 (S/2003/243),

*Stressing* the need for continued international support for Timor-Leste, and encouraging continued bilateral and multilateral development assistance,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General of 21 April 2003 (S/2003/449),

*Taking note* of the military strategy outlined in paragraphs 38 to 51 of that report,

1. *Decides* to extend the current mandate of UNMISET until 20 May 2004;
  2. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.
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