



Statement of Friendship

Thursday, 4 May, 2000

In a spirit of friendship and cooperation between the citizens of Suai and the citizens of Port Phillip, this Statement of Friendship sets out our understanding and intent.

We, the signatories to this statement, affirm the development of a ten year relationship between the elected representatives of Suai and Port Phillip, based on friendship and mutual respect. The fundamental principle of this agreement is to recognise and promote the right of East Timorese people and the residents of Suai to manage their own destiny. We agree to work together to achieve this end, whilst respecting each other's cultural heritage and customs.

Commander Xanana Gusmao
President of the CNRT

Cr Julian Hill
Mayor of the City of Port Phillip

Cr David Brand

Cr Dick Gross

Cr Carolyn Hutchens

Cr Liz Johnstone

Cr John Lewisohn

Cr Darren Ray