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**President Xanana Gusmão presides over the ‘Swearing In’ of Carl DeFaria,
the new Deputy General Prosecutor for Serious Crimes**

The swearing in of the new Deputy General Prosecutor for Serious Crimes will take place next Friday, the 18th February, at 9.30am, at the Presidential Palace. Mr. Carl DeFaria will be invested as Deputy General Prosecutor for Serious Crimes in a ceremony presided by the President of the República Democrática de Timor Leste, Xanana Gusmão and in the presence of the East Timorese General Prosecutor, Dr. Longuinhos Monteiro as well as the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Sukehiro Hasigawa. Members of the Government, of the National Parliament and of the Diplomatic community are also expected to attend.

Mr. Carl DeFaria, a Canadian citizen, has arrived in Timor Leste on the 4th of February and he will be leading the Serious Crimes Unit until its closure in the 20 of May 2005. The Serious Crimes Unit was established by United Nations Security Council Resolution to investigate Crimes Against Humanity and other serious crimes committed in Timor Leste in the period leading to and following the 1999 referendum.

Mr. DeFaria served as Minister of Citizenship and Minister Responsible for Seniors, in the Government of Ontario, Canada, from 2002 to 2003, after serving as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship the previous year.

Mr. DeFaria was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in June, 1995 as the Member of Provincial Parliament for Mississauga East. He was re-elected in June, 1999, for a second consecutive term. Mr. DeFaria has also served as the Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Social Policy. Prior to his election, Mr. DeFaria was the senior partner in a law firm with branches in Southern Ontario, practicing in criminal and constitutional law.

Carl DeFaria holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Osgoode Hall Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Toronto, Canada. He is of Portuguese heritage and is fluent in both English and Portuguese languages.