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Praia, 30th May 2025

Subject: Submission of final report for the **Contribution Agreement FED/2018/402-554**
“Programme for Consolidating Economic Governance and Public Finance Management Systems in the PALOP-TL (Pro PALOP-TL SAI – Phase II)”

Dear Ambassador,

I am very pleased the Final Narrative and Financial Report with the Management Declaration for the ***“Programme for Consolidating Economic Governance and Public Finance Management Systems in the PALOP-TL (Pro PALOP-TL SAI – Phase II)”*** aiming at the strengthening of economic governance and public finance management in the PALOP-TL.

As you know, the programme was co-funded by the EU and the UNDP. Its total budget was estimated at \$9,261,016.00, as set out in Annex III of the Contribution Agreement, with the EU's initial financial contribution amounting to €7,750,000. To address the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, in July 2021 an addendum to the contract increased the EU contribution to €8,050,000, initially estimated at \$9,154,460. However, due to exchange rate fluctuations, the final EU contribution was in fact \$9,005,794.55. UNDP contribution as set in the agreement was \$106,555.64. The total expenditure at closure, including indirect eligible costs, was \$9,083,826.96.

The implementation of the programme was very successful. The final independent evaluation (Attachment 4 of the Narrative and Financial Report) highlighted that the programme far exceeded the targets set for their deliverables and outputs, with endless success stories and examples of direct impact in peoples' life and institutional strengthening. The programme was innovative in its design and intervention logic, putting forward an approach allowing for effective and results-oriented South-South and Triangular Cooperation involving around 40 core economic governance institutions in the six PALOP-TL countries, as well in putting together one of the largest existing scholarships involving reaching more than 400 senior public officials in those six countries for academic studies in Public Finance Management.

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Ambassador of the EU Delegation
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Attachments: (1) Final Narrative and Financial Report of the Pro PALOP-TL SAI – Phase II.

The programme was pivotal in building capacities for ministries of finance and planning; parliamentarians and parliamentary technicians; judges, auditors and technicians from courts of auditors and supreme audit institutions; members and leaders of civil society organizations in all PALOP countries and Timor-Leste, in a wide range of areas related to budget transparency, public finance management, parliamentary oversight, external control and audits of various types, simplification of information on budget execution for greater participation in budget cycles and monitoring of public accounts, gender-sensitive budgeting and gender mainstreaming, as well as environmental protection through public finance management.

Finally, we can safely state that the programme was strongly aligned with the strategic priorities of the **EU's Global Gateway**. It contributed directly to **governance, digitalization, gender equality, and global partnerships**, making it a solid element of the EU's geopolitical and development commitment to the PALOP-TL.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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