Letter dated 30 October 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1704 (2006) establishing the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT). Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint Mr. Atul Khare (India) as my Special Representative for Timor-Leste and Head of UNMIT, with immediate effect.

Mr. Khare, who has previously served as my Deputy Special Representative for Timor-Leste from May 2004 to May 2005, will succeed Mr. Sukehiro Hasegawa (Japan), who completed his assignment at the end of September. I would like to express my appreciation for Mr. Hasegawa’s excellent leadership of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor and the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste over the past two years.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan