

ATTACHMENT 1(XI) FRETILIN Movement - Party ML(I)

## (1) What is FRETILIN?

It is a movement of liberation of East Timor which unites all patriots and true nationalists, without discrimination as to age, sex, race, creed or ideology, in the struggle against political, economic and cultural colonialism.

## (2) Who are the Maubere people?

The Maubere people are all those who, by actions, words or in thought declare themselves to be resolutely against the barbarian invader and occupier of our country and who sincerely repudiate colonialism.

## (3) What is the Front in the Government and vice-versa?

The Front is the Government. When we speak of the Government we speak of the Front. The structures of our Government are revolutionary in which the exercise of power belongs to the People, and, through the power of the People, the People in centralised organs elect bodies from the People's Assembly in the villages to the National People's Assembly.

## (4) What is the structure of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor (RDTL)

The Government of the RDTL has the following levels in its structure:

(a) central organs of power: the People's Assembly, the presidency, the Council of Ministers, the Supreme Court of Justice

(b) district coordinating bodies

(c) organs of power of the base (rank and file bodies): Assembly of the People, Democratic Revolutionary Councils

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(5) What are Democratic Revolutionary Councils?

The DRCs are organs of power established in the villages, whose members are elected by the people of the village in universal suffrage, by the representatives of the needs and interests in the villages in higher bodies. The DRCs have the job of directing, orienting and solving the problems of the villages.

(6) What is the Assembly of the People?

The Assembly of the People is the highest body for debating and solving the problems of the village for free and democratic discussions.

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What is the Marxist/Leninist/FRETILIN Party?

The Marxist/Leninist/FRETILIN Party is the vanguard organisation which embodies the highest interests of the people of East Timor in the unyielding combat against all forms of domination and oppression and exploitation of man by man. Marxist/Leninist because Marxism/Leninism is a philosophy which explains to us the development of humanity. Its theory drawn up by Marx and put into practice by Lenin and serves the revolutionary workers as a guide for action for the liberation of their country.

Who can be a Militant of the FRETILIN Party?

Any citizen of East Timor who defends intransigently the highest interests of the working classes and who, in practice, fights against all ideas and activities which are contrary to the interest of the people and benefit a privileged minority.

Are all Citizens of East Timor obliged to belong to the Party?

No Entry to the Party obeys the criterion of practicality arising from the interests of the workers and is regulated by complete free will.

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What does it mean to be a Militant of the Party?  
It means above all to play an active part in a political organisation which puts the interest of the people above one's own interest: to devote oneself wholeheartedly to the supreme and fine idea of liberating the people: to serve with self sacrifice the revolution of the masses and to accept freely and conscious and sacrifices involved in struggling for the defence of this sacred mission.

What is the role of the Marxist/Leninist FRETILIN Party?

The Marxist/Leninist FRETILIN Party has the task of politically directing the activities of the Government and must prevent the State from taking measures or solutions which are contrary to the true interests of the people. It has the role of directing the people of East Timor in the way of political, economic and socio-cultural liberation in order to transform the old, corrupt, ignorant and exploiting society into a new society free of all the sicknesses and vices which still afflict our people. Thus it coordinates the development of the nation in full progress allowing all citizens to enjoy well being and the necessary elements for the full and gradual satisfaction of their needs. Its fundamental role is to ensure that the Maubere people have a real and effective participation in the destiny of their country by applying revolutionary popular democracy.

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