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Opening Remarks Made by Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, During the Door Stop Interview with the Media at the Send-Off for RSS Perseverance

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We are happy to have contributed to the INTERFET mission to restore peace and stability in East Timor. Our two LSTs provided continuous strategic lift for INTERFET forces operating between Darwin and East Timor during their two-month deployment, while the SAF medical team in Dili has attended to more than 5000 patients so far.

Singapore hopes to see a smooth transition to UNTAET, and we have provided an LST and a C-130 aircraft to assist INTERFET in the transition. The LST carries 91 crew and the C-130 detachment comprises 25 personnel.

Together with the 21-member medical team, 8 SAF officers who will be serving as staff officers in UNTAET HQ or military observers, and 40 Civilian Policemen, Singapore will be deploying some 185 personnel for this phase of the operations.

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News Release:

- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Dr Tony Tan Announces Singapore's Contributions to the UN Transitional Administration in East Timor (Document No: MINDEF_20000105001)