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challenges that lie ahead because it sees in its future hope and optimism not just for itself but for nations that will be born after it.

Before I conclude, President 'Lu O'lo', I would like to take this opportunity to pay my personal tribute to your valour and dedication during the long struggle of your people. Your role thereafter as the Speaker of the Constituent Assembly and as the first Speaker of the National Parliament truly epitomizes what can be achieved with courage, far-sightedness and conviction.

As the first legislature of the independent state of Timor-Leste all of you carry a historical responsibility and I wish all of you every success in discharging it in the service of your country.

Thank you for your attention.