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The Meeting of Council of Ministers, June 2nd. 2010

The Council of Ministers held a meeting this Wednesday, June 2nd. 2010, in its room, in The Government House, in Dili, and has approved:

1. Decree-Law that regulates RTTL publicity

This Decree-Law, approved with modifications, regulates the performance of RTTL, E.P.'s publicity activities because of the lack of general regulation of radio and television broadcasting, as well as publicity.

To emphasize that the Statute of RTTL, E.P. (approved through the Decree-Law n.º 42/2008, November 26th. establish that the institution, can proceed in any commercial activities related to similar public service activities, namely the exploration of publicity acts.

However, the exploration of publicity acts, as an essential income source for RTTL, E.P., must be regulated, in order to avoid that the same act may prejudice the necessary editorial freedom of this public social communication service, as well as safeguard the right proceeding of the objectives and responsibilities of RTTL, E.P.

Therefore, the Council of Ministers has approved the adoption of this Decree-Law which regulates the performance of publicity acts by RTTL, E.P.

2. The Decree-Law modifying the regime of the Ministerial Offices

Approved with modifications, the diploma intends to rectify a few unbalances regarding salaries, respectively for the level of Chief of Staff.

The Ministerial Offices regime defined by Decree-Law n.º 8/2007, December 11th., matches the Office members, in the matter of salaries, with the level of the salary for the general professional regime in the Civil Service. Specifically, the Chief of the Staff salary is comparable to public officers with level 7 in the General Regime for careers.

On the other hand, the Career Regime and Directorate and Chief positions in Public Administration, as regulated under Decree-Law n° 19/2006, November 15th, was changed by Decree-Law n° 27/2008, August 11th, which operated on the transition of permanent civil servants into the general career regime levels, under article 33.º, corresponding into a new earnings schedule .

However, for the directory and leadership duties, namely the General-Director and National Director, who were previously being paid through a comparison to the salary levels of 6 or 7, the same transition was not applied, and their salaries became regulated by an autonomous schedule, with increased values.

This situation has involuntarily motivated a "lack of promotion" for the chiefs of the staff position, which failed to be paid with a salary equivalent to that of a leadership position, and was thus comparable to a senior technical position as per Grade A.

Therefore, as the legislator always intended to compare the salary for chief of Staff to the salary of the highest directory and leadership, that of a General Director, particularly due to the content of the related duties, it is important to rectify this situation.

A comparison should also be done with other members in office adequate to their career level.

3. Resolution which approves the implementation of a Free Balance Contract for the financial Information System performance.

The Council of Ministers has approved a contract by direct adjustment between the Ministry of Finance and the FreeBalance (FB), which will significantly improve the existing Finance Management Information System (SIGF).

FreeBalance has supported RDTL in Finance Management Information since 2001,, when the former Government selected it to implement a SIFG capable of assuring the budgetary controls, a general master-book and the procurement and payment functions to RDTL. RDTL had again contracted FreeBalance in 2007 to provide additional services and modules of its Liability Package, including pay roll, budget performance and banking reconciliation.

The contract and FreeBalance's proposal include the procurement of a large range of *software, hardware* and technical services for SIGF.

The Modules/up dates will allow RDTL to significantly improve the now existing SIGF.

4. Decree-Law establishing the National Defence Institutional Structure

National Defence Institutional Organs (IDN) is a public Institution, and although it is a part of Indirect Management from the State, detains administrative, financial and property autonomy. This Institution aims to create adequate conditions for the investigation and education promotion in matters of Security and

Defence, seeking to add value, with excellence, of the Armed Forces, Safety Services, Leadership Levels of Public Administration and private entities with interest on these matters.

The IDN structure includes a Director, a General Council, a Board of Directors and a Pedagogic and Scientific Council, serving the objectives of its establishment, without unnecessarily overloading its administrative structure and public funds, delaying the creation of other organs for a future phase after its establishment. Therefore, in this phase, IDN will make use of the existing administrative structure, as well as the future relation to establish with other government services, especially with F-FDTL.

5. Resolution which grants the building of a Temporary Quay in the Port of Hera

The Council of Ministers has approved the public construction project grant to LIFESE Engineering Co, related to the public works project for the construction of a temporary quay in the port of Hera.

The privileged geographic location of this port, the condition it has to promote naval operation, the need to have a dignified site for the two recently purchased patrolling frigates, as well as to safeguard the conditions and comfort of the military which will be working in the harbour temporarily, clearly justify its construction.

It is important to emphasize the need for the RDTL State to equip itself of the operational means that guarantee not only the safety of the navigation, ship maintenance, as well as the monitoring of the Hera port area.

The Council of Ministers has also analysed:

1. Presentation on Special Careers in Public Administration

During the presentation on Special Career in Public Administration, The Civil Service Commission (CSC) explained to the Council of Ministers about the present conditions of the process, and also presenting a few suggestions for drafting the projects.

Some of the proposals have already been approved, three are still under debate (in the areas of Public Notary, Prison Guards and Finance) and two are in the drafting phase (for Diplomats and Training).

The CSC reminded of the requirements needed to draft the projects of special careers in Public Administration, as well as its implications. To overcome the difficulties faced hitherto, CSC has proposed many suggestions including:

1. The proposals for special careers should also be subscribed by CSC;
2. The subscription of proposals depends on coordination meetings with the Vice-Prime Minister, the interested Ministry and CSC;

3. CSC will propose to the Government allowances regarding isolation, work by shifts and additional and extra hours;
4. Head of CSC should be summoned to participate in Council of Minister meetings as they debate on issues related to the Civil Service;
5. These Special Career proposals should be submitted to the Council of Ministers after they pass through all the above proposed processes.

The Council of Ministers has requested that the Civil Service Commission prepare a document setting out these guidelines concerning the rules establishing a special career regime.