



IV CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT OF STATE OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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Meeting of the Council of Ministers, 4th November 2010

The Council of Ministers met this Wednesday, 4th of November of 2010, in the Meeting Room of the Council of Ministers, in the Government Palace, in Dili, and approved:

1. Resolution that Approves the Annual Contingent to be incorporated in the F-FDTL

The annual effective to be incorporated in the FALINTIL – Defence Forces of Timor-Leste (F-FDTL), in 2011, will be carried out in a single incorporation procedure of 600 men / women,.

The capacity of the Armed Forces, nowadays, to generate qualified human resources, cannot exceed two incorporations of 300 men / women per year, since the procedures to put into effect two annual incorporations mobilize many means, not only human but also material and logistic, and thus the Council of Ministers decided for a single procedure of incorporation for next year.

It is also reminded that the F-FDTL is in a reorganization and development phase to fulfil the objectives established in the strategic orientations (2020 FORCE).

2. Resolution about the Recruitment of Auditors for the Auditors Chamber of the Supreme Administrative, Fiscal and Court of Auditors of the Timor-Leste Democratic Republic

The recruitment, training and professional capacity building of the graduates that will integrate the future auditor panel of the Accounting Sector of the Supreme Administrative, Fiscal and Court of Auditors, will exceptionally be carried out under the exclusive competence of the Minister of Justice, without detriment of the respect for the applicable legislation, namely the principles consecrated in the Public Servants Statutes.

It is highlighted that the IV Constitutional Government is committed to create and implement the project to create the Accounting Sector of the Supreme Administrative, Fiscal and Court of Auditors – court which will be the superior organ in the hierarchy of the Administrative, Fiscal and Auditors Courts, and which will also be responsible, as single authority, for the legal inspection of public expenses and the judgement of the State's accounting.

The project will be developed with the collaboration of the Portuguese Court of Auditors, according to a Memorandum of Understanding celebrated for this purpose. Timor-Leste's Ministry of Justice intends to recruit young Timorese graduates to attend the specialization course for professional training and capacity building. These courses will have a minimum duration of three months and will be carried out in the Court of Auditors in Portugal. A professional traineeship in effective exercise of functions, with the duration of one year, is also predicted to occur. In the end it is intended that these young graduates become integrated in the future auditor career of the Auditors Accounting Sector of the Supreme Administrative, Fiscal and Court of Auditors.

Attending the priority of this project and to the specificity of the recruitment, the Council of Ministers considers that this situation in particular can be excluded from the recruitment general regime for public servants, being developed in the strict dependency of the Ministry of Justice.

The council of Ministers still analysed:

1. Presentation on the Development Strategy

This presentation, carried out by the north American Professor, Jeffrey Sachs, from Columbia University, comes in the sequence of his previous presentation to the Council of Ministers, last 31st of March, entitled: "The end of Poverty - Moving Timor-Leste away from Conflict towards Development". Thus, Professor Jeffrey Sachs presented his vision to the Government about the Nation's development, presenting a plan with priorities that he considers, in this phase, are important for the Country.

2. Process of Demarcation of the Land Border

The Council of Ministers heard the Ministry of Foreign Affairs team that, together with Indonesia, is developing the negotiations about the outline of the land border, to be informed of the process and to define the guidelines of how to act regarding this process.

3. Compensation Regime for Vacating State Buildings

With the purpose of resolving situations of illegitimate and / or illegal occupation of State buildings, the Council of Ministers intends to create mechanisms that put back the legality of ownership, minimizing, however, the social impact brought about by these measures.