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Meeting of the Council of Ministers of 16th of February of 2011

The Council of Ministers met this Wednesday, on the 16th of February of 2011, in the meeting room of the Council of Ministers, in the Government Palace, in Díli and approved:

1. First Alteration to the Decree-Law that approves the Statute of the State General-Inspection

According to the Public Administration Regime for Carriers of Direction and Management Posts, whenever specific designations with powers of direction and management are established in organic units and sub-units, as is the case of the State General-Inspector and the Assistant General-Inspector, they should be predicted as equal to a post of direction and management, namely in terms of salary – an issue that still wasn't predicted in the Statute of the State General-Inspection.

2. Decree-Law that approves the Statute of Public Sport Utility of sportive federations

The Statute of Public Sport Utility confers competence for the exercise, in exclusivity, and within the respective scope, of regulatory disciplinary powers and others of public nature, to the sportive federations that have received this statute. It also confers the possibility to benefit from subsidies or funds, as well as support of any nature, be it technical, material or human.

With the purpose to homogenizing the situation of the sportive federations in Timor-Leste and to regulate the requirements for the concession of public aid, the current diploma aims to develop the Basic Law for Sport, establishing the legal regime and the conditions for the attribution and also the process of suspension and cancelling of the Statute of Public Sport Utility of the sportive federations that don't fulfil with the obligations.

It is highlighted that the sportive federations have, among other functions, to regulate and manage the practice of a sport modality or a set of modalities at a national level, as well as the representation of the sportive modality in similar foreign or international organizations.

3. Decree-Law that approves the National Institute of Health (INS Portuguese acronym)

The current diploma transforms the Institute of Social Science (INS Portuguese acronym) into the National Institute of Health, with a vocation for the continuous training of health professionals in exercise. The university training is under the responsibility of the teaching establishments.

This transformation appears from the observation, by the Ministry of Health, of the necessity for continuous training of health professionals, in order to guarantee the improvement of health care, attending to the strategic needs for the development of the health sector in the medium and long term.. The ICS was a personalized service created in 2005 by the Ministry of Health, with the mission of providing continuous training and teach non-university technical higher education for health professionals.

The Council of Ministers also analysed:

1. Preparation of the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Restoration of Independence

With the objective of the timely coordination of the celebration of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste's 10th anniversary of the Restoration of Independence, which is celebrated on the 20th of May of 2012, the Council of Ministers considered the creation of an Organizing Commission for the Celebrations, which will be discusses in a future Council of Ministers meeting. The date for the festivities was settled as starting on the 10th of May and will its highlight on the 20th, finishing on the 30th of May.

2. Memorandum of Understanding with EDP International, S.A.

The Council of Ministers analysed the proposal for a Memorandum of Understanding presented by EDP International, for the establishment of a future cooperation in the area of renewable energies, where three priority areas stand out: human resources training, study for the development of a wind park and hydroelectric resources.

Timor-Leste already has an Electrification Plan based on renewable energies, fact that is taken in account for the proposal's evaluation.

3. Decree-Law Proposal that Approves the Organic of the Human Rights and Justice Purveyor's Office

The organic of the Human Rights and Justice Purveyor's Office has as objective to ensure the effective implementation of its services responsibilities, organizing having in account its particularities in the role of strengthening the State of Rule of Law in Timor-Leste. Its regulation warranties the provision of a strong institution with capacity to instigate the trust of the population and public powers through an efficient

organization endowed with technique expertise in the areas of constitutional mandate of the Human Rights and Justice Ombudsman.

The Human Rights and Justice Purveyor's Office is an independent organ with the function of appreciating and seeking to fulfil the citizens' complaints against the public powers and verify the conformity of the action with the law. It must also prevent and initiate the whole process of reparation of injustices and also with competence to appreciate concrete cases, without decisive power, directing its recommendation to the competent organs.