



# PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers from August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

The Government met extraordinarily on this Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, in the Council of Ministers meeting room, at the Government Palace, in Díli, and approved:

#### **1. Government Resolution on the purchase of a passengers' ship**

The Government decided to purchase a cargo and passengers' ship in order to serve the region of Oe-Cusse Ambeno. This decision is taken following the meeting of the Council of Ministers, last April, in Oe-Cusse Ambeno, on which the Government decided to send a technical team from the Ministry of Transports and Communications to Portugal, in order to evaluate the costs and quality of construction of a new ship to Timor-Leste. Having the team performed a positive evaluation, and considering the urgency for purchasing of this maritime transport in order to respond to the need for circulation to and from Oe-Cusse Ambeno (where the implementation project for the Special Administrative Region is being developed and where, next year, will be carried out the celebrations of the 500 years of the arrival of the Portuguese missionaries to the island of Timor), the Government decided to authorize this acquisition by private contract.

#### **2. Government resolution reinforcing national security**

This diploma sets a new period in order to collect weapons, ammunition, explosives and uniforms, so that the citizens or entities still in default can move forward with the delivery of illegal material in their possession and cooperate in maintaining the current political and social stability.



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This decision follows the recent reappearance of paramilitary groups, leading to the Resolution n. 4/2014 from National Parliament disavowing attempts to create instability and threats to the Rule of Law, from these groups.

Being for the Government to take the necessary steps towards the assurance, promotion and enjoyment of fundamental rights and freedoms of every citizen, as well as to ensure public order and social discipline, and considering the results achieved in the past with the national campaigns for weapons' collection, the Government has decided to set a new period for collection of guns, ammunition, explosives and uniforms, ending on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

### **3. Decree Law approving the transmission of property rights of community and private property to the State, relating to the Suai Supply Base Project**

This diploma sets the special framework applicable to the temporary transfer of rights of ownership of community or private property, to the State, for the implementation of the *Suai Supply Base Project*.

