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PRESS RELEASE

Meeting of the Council of Ministers from September 17th, 2014

The Government gathered this Wednesday, September 17th, 2014, in the Council of Ministers' meeting Room, at the Government Palace, in Dili, and approved:

1. Decree Law establishing the Specialized Agency for Investment and approving its Statutes

This diploma establishes the Specialized Agency for Investment, named "Investe Timor-Leste", as the entity responsible for the promotion of private investment and exports in the country. This entity will be responsible for issuing Investor's Certificates, serving as a service desk for foreign investment projects in the country.

2. Decree Law establishing the Institute of Research, Development, Training and Promotion of Bamboo

The Bamboo Centre of Timor-Leste began its activity in 2008 and has produced, across the years and under the coordination of the Institute for Business Development Support (IBDS) a diversified range of products of recognized quality and aimed at a market in clear expansion. Bamboo planting has been, on one hand, contributing towards a minor dependence on this raw material, but also enhancing and increasing the training, research and development areas of the centre, as an engine for sustainability and development of human resources, for themselves and for local communities.

By recognizing the importance and success of the Bamboo Centre, this diploma awards it with autonomy, endowing it with an organization and management, able to promote the expansion of the activities, in terms of training, research and development, as well as in terms of production, not only for domestic consumption, but also for export.



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3. Government Decree approving the remuneration of the Transition Commission for Oe-Cusse Ambeno

Following the establishment of the Transition Commission for Oe-Cusse Ambeno, approved on the extraordinary meeting of the Council of Ministers of August 28th, this diploma sets out the remuneration and allowances for the members who are part of it.

The Transition Commission for Oe-Cusse Ambeno manages the transfer of responsibilities for the Authority of the Special Administrative Region of Oe-Cusse Ambeno, integrating Government members, the President of the Authority of Oe-Cusse Ambeno, some collaborators, as well as elements from Central and District Administration and the pre-deconcentration workgroup.

To the members of the Government, the remuneration is already defined by parliamentary law, however, for other elements that have been working in this process of creation of the Region for several months, this situation wasn't defined, thus this diploma is filling this gap.

The Council of Ministers also analysed:

1. Presentation of the Heineken investment project

The Secretariat of State for the Support and Promotion of the Private Sector submitted to the Council of Ministers the conclusions of the Investment Committee on the investment proposal for Timor-Leste, of the company Heineken Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd.

It should be noted that, for the consideration of this project, Tradinvest requested the opinion of the following institutions: Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment, Ministry of Health, Secretariat of State for the Support and Promotion of the Private Sector, Secretariat of State for Security, Secretary of State for Professional Training and Employment Policy, and SERVE.

