



PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

SIXTH CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

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Meeting of the Council of Ministers of February 16th, 2016

On the day that the Sixth Constitutional Government completed one year of governance, the Executive met at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, in Dili, for the meeting of the Council of Ministers, where Government members analysed the work developed in the last 12 months. This reflection considered some of the challenges faced and ideas for fine-tuning strategies and increased inter-ministerial coordination.

At this meeting, the Council of Ministers approved:

1. Government Resolution on the creation of the Commission for Public Administration Reform

The National Commission for Public Administration Reform has the mission to develop a public policy for improving the operation of the set of Bodies, services and entities of Public Administration and for the training, strengthening and appreciation of the human resources of the Civil Service. The ultimate objective is to provide higher quality public services to recipients in a more efficient and effective manner.

This comes as a result of the approval of the Guide for Public Administration Reform, at the meeting of the Council of Ministers of February 9th, 2015, and represents the Government's determination to achieve this important commitment of its Programme.

The National Commission for Public Administration Reform is supported by a Technical Team composed of representatives of various public institutions and by a work subgroup, the Monitoring Committee of the Guide for Public Administration Reform, composed of a representative from the Presidency of the Republic and representatives of civil society.



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2. Proposal for a National Parliament Resolution that approves the Statutes of the International Institute of the Portuguese Language (IILP in Portuguese)

This Resolution proposal, that the Government will now submit to National Parliament in accordance with the Constitution, seeks the approval of the statutes of IILP, approved at the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP), in Luanda, July 22nd, 2010.

This is a joint initiative of the Timorese Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Education with IILP's National Commission, whose creation was approved at the meeting of the Council of Ministers of September 2nd, 2011.

IILP is necessary for the construction of concrete policies for the promotion and diffusion of the Portuguese Language, and its internationalization and affirmation as a Global Language. Through the adoption of the Statutes, IILP is endowed with the means to achieve these objectives.

3. Road rehabilitation project

The Council of Ministers approved the rehabilitation and improvement of three key sections of roads along the North Coast, with a total of 97 kilometres. The roads concerned, Baucau-Lautém, Maubara-Carimbala and Atabae-Mata Ain, have completion deadlines for the end of 2018.

4. Agreements between the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Republic of Cuba to train teachers

The Government approved the signing of two agreements between the Ministries of Education of Timor-Leste and Cuba, to train Timorese students as mathematics teachers.

5. Extension of the technical support Project to the Scientific Police for Criminal Investigation (SPCI) and to the Board of Auditors

The Government approved the extension of the project to support SPCI and the Board of Auditors. This project is part of the Justice Component of the Timor-Leste Support Programme to Democratic Governance, delegated cooperation by the European Union on Portugal in the Camões Public Institute. Since 2012 the Institute has had a partnership with the Ministry of Justice of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in the context of good governance, with two components: support to SPCI and Board of Auditors.



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6. Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the establishment of a Joint Commission for Economic and Trade Cooperation

The Government authorized the signature of this agreement, which provides for the creation of a Joint Commission, to create a formal structure, which allows for ongoing commercial and economic cooperation between the two countries.

7. Government Resolution on the appointment of Timorese members to the Joint Commission between the People's Republic of China and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste for bilateral cooperation in Economic and Trade Affairs

Following the adoption of the previous Memorandum of Understanding, the Government identified the representatives of Timor-Leste that will be part of this commission, headed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

8. Proposal for Deed to transfer to the Holy See the surface rights on a State property for the construction of the Apostolic Nunciature in Dili

The Council of Ministers approved the terms of a Deed to transfer to the Holy See the surface rights on the plot of land for the construction of the Apostolic Nunciature in Dili, decided at the meeting of the Council of Ministers of April 28th, 2015.

