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Meeting of the Council of Ministers of June 7th, 2016

The Council of Ministers met this Tuesday, at the Government's Palace in Dili, and examined:

1. Fiscal ceiling for 2017

The Ministry of Finance presented several budget implementation scenarios for 2017, in accordance with the recommendations of the Council of Ministers' meeting of May 24th.

The projects financed by the Infrastructure Fund were analysed, in order to evaluate the amounts for the 2017 budget.

The presented scenarios are intended to guide the ministries in the preparation of their annual plans and respective budgets, which take into account factors such as the Strategic Development Plan (SDP), the Government Programme, budgetary execution, inflation, fiscal sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the National Parliament last September.

Funding national priorities for 2017 were discussed, in particular regarding agriculture, health, education, water, sanitation and infrastructure, and impact of elections to be conducted in 2017 were carefully considered.

2. Order from the Director General of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications

The Council of Ministers decided to repeal the Order of the Director General of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications concerning the meeting of May 18th, between the Deputy Minister



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of Public Works, Transport and Communications and the representatives of the airlines that operate flights Dili - Denpasar - Dili, which set the minimum and maximum tariffs.

3. Reference Hospital in the Baucau Municipality

With the completion of works at the Reference Hospital in the Baucau Municipality, the Council of Ministers examined some questions concerning the inauguration of this infrastructure, which will take place soon. The Hospital will receive the name of nurse Eduardo Ximenes, suggested by the local authorities. It was also decided that the signature of the Hospital plaque will fall to the Minister of Health and that local authorities will also have a plaque in recognition of the land and support given to the construction of this important health infrastructure.

4. Meeting of Timor-Leste's Development Partners

The Ministry of Finance submitted to the Council of Ministers the proposed agenda for the meeting of Timor-Leste's Development Partners, which will take place next month.

This year the theme is: "Financing for sustainable development in Timor-Leste".

This annual meeting with development partners, organised by the Government, aims to share its vision for the future, articulate the medium-term priorities and reflect on the progress made in national development.

