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The Government met in the Government Palace, in Dili, and approved the proposal for a Decree-Law that regulates the organization and operation of the Land and Property Commission, presented by the Minister of Justice, Maria Ângela Carrascalão. The legislative proposal aims to regulate the Land and Property Commission, created through the article 55 et seq. of Law no. 13/2017, of July 5th, which approved the Draft Law on the Ownership of Immovable Assets (Land Law). The Land and Property Commission, as a public legal person, enjoys administrative, financial and patrimonial autonomy, and its mission is to assess and resolve the cases in dispute regarding the recognition process and the attribution of property rights.

The Council of Ministers analyzed the proposal for a Government Resolution regarding the creation of the interministerial commission for the marketing and promotion campaign of Timor-Leste as a tourism destination, under the motto "Visit Timor-Leste 20-30", presented by the Minister of Tourism, Manuel Vong. The Government Resolution proposal aimed at defining the State institutions that participate in the campaign and support the creation of favorable conditions for the development of the strategies and methodology to be used in the country's promotion and marketing campaign as a tourist destination and tourist investment, taking into consideration the fact that tourism was elected as one of the main pillars of economic development in the country, with its promotion falling upon the responsibility of Government, the private sector, local communities and civil society. However, the proposal was not approved and it was agreed to set up a working group that will focus on the revision of the National Tourism Policy.

Considering that, pursuant to Government Resolution No. 2/2018 of January 24th, the Government of Timor-Leste authorized Peek Everest Mining, Lda to collect, export and test samples of manganese deposits located in the areas of Nipane and Passabe in the Special Administrative Region of Oé-cusse Ambeno, and having the existence of relevant manganese deposits in these areas been confirmed, the National Petroleum and Mineral Resources Authority (ANPM) presented to the Council of Ministers the



proposal for a Government Resolution that defines the general terms and conditions of the manganese prospecting agreement between the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (RDTL) and Peek Everest Mining, Lda., and the Minister of State and Minister of Mineral Resources, Mariano Assanami Sabino, for and on behalf of the RDTL, mandated for the negotiation of the concrete terms and conditions of said prospecting agreement. The Government Resolution was approved with amendments. **ENDS**

