



PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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Council of Ministers Meeting of 4th April 2018

The Government met in the Government Palace, in Dili and approved the proposal for a Decree-Law that establishes the national ship registry of Timor-Leste, presented by the Vice Minister for Development of Transport and Communications, Inácio Freitas Moreira. This Decree-Law establishes the necessary rules for the registration of East Timorese vessels, granting them the privilege of flying the Timor-Leste flag, taking into consideration existing national legislation and international conventions on the Law of the Sea, ratified by Timor-Leste, guaranteeing the safety and the necessary technical requirements for its seaworthiness.

The Vice Minister for Development of Transport and Communications also submitted a proposal for a Decree-Law, approved by the Government, regarding the organization of ship inspection services, which aims to establish mechanisms for accidents prevention and maritime claims, promoting the safety of citizens using sea transport, cargo, the marine environment and the quality of services provided, following internationally agreed rules and standards.

The Council of Ministers approved the Government Resolution proposal, presented by the Minister of Planning and Finance, Rui Augusto Gomes, regarding the public subsidy to candidates of the 2017 Presidential Election, establishing the grant will be made directly from the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

Finally, the SACOM ENERGIA Group, a Timorese holding company, submitted to the Council of Ministers its project in Hera, consisting of two parts, a 600m jetty for the unloading of medium-sized ships, and a fuel storage terminal, which aims to increase the country's energy capacity. This project, whose investment is entirely private, will be around the total amount of twelve million US dollars. **ENDS**

