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**Press Release**

**Meeting of the Council of Ministers of January 9, 2019**

The Council of Ministers met at the Government Palace in Dili and analyzed a presentation by the Secretary of State for Vocational Training and Employment, Julião da Silva, on the memorandum of understanding between the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Government of Australia to support the Temporary Work Program (PTT). The purpose of this memorandum is to establish provisions to facilitate the access of Timorese citizens to temporary work in the industries specified in the implementation agreements. Another goal of the PTT is to contribute to economic development by providing employment opportunities, remittances and opportunities for the qualification of national workers. In doing so, PTT will also provide benefits to the Australian economy and to Australian employers who can demonstrate that they do not have adequate Australian workers for these jobs. The Council of Ministers assigned full powers to the Secretary of State for Vocational Training and Employment for the signing of these memorandum of understanding.

The Timor-Leste Special Representative to Guinea-Bissau, Tomás do Rosário Cabral, presented the Report of the Mission to Support the Electoral Census to Guinea-Bissau, which ended in December 2018.

The Minister for Legislative Reform and Parliamentary Affairs, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, presented to the Council of Ministers three Conceptual Nores focusing on administrative innovation, judicial reform and legislative reform. The Eight Constitutional



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Government intends to promote the reform and modernization of public administration, so that it becomes simpler, more efficient and reliable and, thus, guaranteeing to citizens the conditions to better conduct their lives. It also seeks to develop an efficient and effective justice sector that promotes national and foreign investment and, in this way, helps improve the living conditions of all, as well as facilitates the achievement of constitutional objectives in the creation of a more just society, in promoting gender equality, in combating corruption and in defense of the patrimonial interests of all citizens.

The Government approved the organic law of the Ministry of State Administration, the Government department responsible for designing, implementing, coordinating and evaluating the policy, as defined and approved by the Council of Ministers, in the areas of local authority, administrative decentralization, support to community organizations, the promotion of local development, the organization and execution of electoral and referendum processes, the promotion of hygiene and urban organization, and the classification and conservation of official documents of historical value.

The Council of Ministers approved the proposal for a Government Decree on budget execution in a duodecimal regime. Law no. 13/2009, of October 21, amended by laws no. 9/2011, of August 17 and no. 4/2013 / III, of August 7, on the Budget and Financial Management, which provides that in the case of the General State Budget not entering into force at the beginning of the financial year – a situation which has now occurred -, the duodecimal regime will be applied in order to allow normal State activity.



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The Council of Ministers also approved the proposal for a Government Decree that defines the remuneration of the bodies of the National Social Security Institute (INSS), presented by the Minister of Social Solidarity and Inclusion, Armanda Berta dos Santos.

Finally, the Government approved the proposal for a Government Resolution on the exoneration of the current Chairman of the Board of Directors of Radio and Television of Timor-Leste, and the appointment of the new Chairman of the Board of Directors of Radio and Television of Timor-Leste, EP, Francisco da Silva "Gary", as proposed by the Secretary of State for Social Communication, Merício dos Reis 'Akara'. **ENDS**



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