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Meeting of the Council of Ministers of June 5, 2019

The Council of Ministers met at the Government Palace in Dili and analyzed the Proposal for a Decision on the Final Report of the 2019 National Voluntary Review (RNV) on the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) presented by the Minister of Legislative Reform and Parliamentary Affairs, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães and the RNV Secretariat. The report presents progress on the implementation of the SDGs, with indications on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in our country. The report will be Timor-Leste's contribution to the High-Level Political Forum, which meets next July at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and will announce the results of the National Voluntary Review process. Last May the Government sent to the United Nations eleven key messages endorsed by the Council of Ministers, which underscore the achievements of Timor-Leste as the youngest state in Asia. These achievements are the result of a national commitment to the processes of reconciliation, inclusion and democracy. The RNV was developed as part of a consultation process, led by the SDGs Working Group, made up of representatives from the public sector, civil society, universities, the private sector, religious organizations and the National Parliament. The members of the Council of Ministers will continue to analyze the RNV and the final deliberation on the report to be sent to the United Nations will be held at the next executive meeting.

The Prime Minister, Taur Matan Ruak and the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP) presented the proposal for a Resolution, approved by the Council of Ministers, on the Agreement between the Government of Timor-Leste and the Government of Japan to exchange notes regarding the extension of cooperation under the Japanese Agency for International Cooperation (JICA) Grant for the Japan Development Scholarship (JDS). The JDS project is funded by the Government of Japan and has already been implemented in 15 countries to support the development of human resources. The project consists of a two-year Master's program in English in Japanese universities and is aimed primarily at young staff of the Government of Timor-Leste.

The Council of Ministers approved a Government Resolution Proposal submitted by the Minister of Public Works, Salvador Soares dos Reis Pires, regarding the appointment of the members of the



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Board of Directors of the Institute of Equipment Management I.P. (IGE). The purpose of this institute is to ensure the proper management of heavy vehicles, machines and other equipment that are relevant to the further development of the infrastructure and the needs of Public Administration services. Considering that the current members of the previous Board of Directors will soon cease their functions, the Government resolves, under a joint proposal of the Ministry of Public Works and the Ministry of Finance, to renew the mandate of José Luís Carvalho as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Abrão Pereira and José Diamantino de Oliveira, appointed members of the IGE Board of Directors for a term of three years.

Finally, the Council of Ministers heard a presentation by the Minister of Public Works on the strategy for the next five years for investment in the development and maintenance of national roads. This plan presents the priorities of action, according to the links to public services and areas of economic production, population density and traffic volume. The strategy also presents cost estimates, sources of financing for projects and proposes the creation of a fund for road maintenance. **ENDS**



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