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Press Release

Meeting of the Council of Ministers of 4 March 2020

The Council of Ministers met at the Government Palace in Dili and approved a draft Decree-Law, presented by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Demétrio de Amaral de Carvalho, regarding the disposal, import and production of plastic bags, packaging and other objects. This diploma aims to prevent and reduce the impact of waste on the environment, mainly focusing on single-use plastic products. The Decree-Law provides for the prohibition of the disposal, import and production of non-recyclable plastic products and the prohibition of the acquisition, distribution, import and production of certain plastic objects. The diploma also provides for the establishment of the following fundamental principles: precaution, prevention, sustainable development, global environmental security, polluter pays, reuse and recycling and energy recovery.

The Acting Minister of Health, Élia António de Araújo dos Reis Amaral presented a draft Decree-Law, approved by the Council of Ministers, on the creation of the National Ambulance and Medical Emergency Service, I.P.. This draft normative act aims to increase the level of operation and response of medical services capable of ensuring emergency or medical emergency care throughout the national territory, including the transport victims of accidents or of sudden illnesses to appropriate healthcare institutions. The National Ambulance and Medical Emergency Service is created as a public collective person, in the form of a public institute, endowed with administrative, financial and patrimonial autonomy and under the tutelage and superintendence of the member of the Government responsible for health area, in order to respond more quickly and autonomously to the collective needs of the population.



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The Acting Finance Minister, Sara Lobo Brites, presented a Government Deliberation project, approved by the Council of Ministers, on the budget ceiling for the month of March under the duodecimal regime, with a total value of USD 116 449 057.

The Council of Ministers approved a draft Decree-Law, presented by the Minister for the Affairs of Combatants of the Acting National Liberation, Gil da Costa Monteiro "Oan Soru", relating to the 6th amendment to Decree-Law No. 15/2008, of June 4, which regulates the pensions of combatants and martyrs of national liberation. With this amendment, part of the pension of combatants and martyrs of national liberation is withheld, except in cases where there is express opposition to such retention. The amounts retained by the State are intended to be deposited into a bank account held by the Council of National Liberation Fighters and administered by the State.

The Acting Minister of State Administration, Abílio José Caetano, received full powers from the Council of Ministers to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Governments of the Republic of Indonesia and of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. Institutional cooperation provided for in this Memorandum of Understanding will improve the conditions of access to electricity and clean water of population in remote areas in the municipalities of Baucau, Bobonaro, Dili and Manatuto. **ENDS**