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## Press Release

### Meeting of the Council of Ministers of 15 July 2020

The Council of Ministers met at the Government Palace in Dili and approved a draft Decree-Law, presented by the Minister of Defense, Filomeno da Paixão de Jesus, concerning the creation of the Maritime Authority System (SAM). This Diploma aims to affirm national sovereignty and project the State's authority in waters under Timorese jurisdiction, in line with the established in the "Study of the Force 2020", in the Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030 and also in the Strategic Concept of Defense and National Security in force. Through the diploma, the Government approves the creation of the SAM, as an institutional framework for the coordination of entities, bodies or services at the central and peripheral level that, with coordination, executive, advisory or police functions, exercise powers of State authority over maritime spaces under national sovereignty or jurisdiction. With this Decree-Law, the National Maritime Authority (AMN) is also created, which is, by inertness, the Chief of Staff-General of the Armed Forces. The Directorate of the Maritime Authority and its services with sam competences are also established.

The members of the Council of Ministers approved two draft Government Resolutions, presented by The Prime Minister, Taur Matan Ruak, on the appointment of seven Regional Secretaries of the Authority of the Special Administrative Region of Oe-cusse Ambeno (RAEOA) and two Deputy Regional Secretaries of the President of the RAEOA Authority. The new Regional Secretaries of the RAEOA Authority will assume responsibilities in the areas of regional administration of education and social solidarity, finance, land and property, administration, health, and trade and industry. The President of the RAEOA Authority will be responsible over the areas of planning and infrastructure, spatial planning and registration, and rural development and community tourism. The Deputy Regional Secretaries of the President of the RAEOA hold administrative execution positions, with



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powers to administer sets of specific areas of activity and respond in the performance of their duties directly before the President of the Authority. **ENDS**



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