



## **Press Release**

## Meeting of the Council of Ministers on September 9th, 2020

The Council of Ministers met, at the Government Palace, in Dili, and approved the Government Resolution draft, presented by the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Fidelis Manuel Leite Magalhães, which approves the Public Administration Reform Program for the 2019 to 2023 period, and establishes the respective monitoring mechanisms. The Public Administration Reform aims to transform the public service, focusing on the structures of central government. It aims to improve service delivery processes, strengthen accountability and performance incentives, improve management and human resource development, review public service roles and structures and improve administrative services delivery to citizens and businesses. To monitor the implementation of this reform programme, an inter-ministerial monitoring committee is also established, chaired by the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, and including Ministers and relevant organisations in this sector.

The Council of Ministers approved the Decree-Law draft, presented by the Minister of State Administration, Miguel Pereira de Carvalho, on the first amendment to Decree-Law No. 11/2019, of June 14<sup>th</sup>, on the Ministry of State Administration Organic Law. This Decree-Law draft establishes a General Directorate of Rural Development, with the aim of strengthening the rural and local development areas, strengthens the current National Directorate for the Modernization of Local Administration competences and also establishes a National Directorate, responsible for IT area of the Ministry, and a National Directorate responsible for protocol, institutional communication, public relations and external cooperation of the Ministry.

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Culture, Longuinhos dos Santos, presented a Government Resolution draft, approved by the Council of Ministers, on the appointment of Rui Daniel







de Carvalho as President of the Polytechnic Institute of Betano (IPB) General Council, for a threeyear term, and the appointment of Edmundo Viegas as a substitute to the IPB General Council.

The Decree-Law draft referring to the first amendment to Decree-Law No. 7/2019 of April 15<sup>th</sup>, which approved the Organic Structure of the Ministry of Defence, was approved. Based on the changes made to the Organic Structure of the 8<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Government, and in order to promote the updating, rationality, efficiency and effectiveness of the structure of this Ministry, the present draft Decree-Law eliminates the Technical-Military Cooperation and the General Archives of Defence Cabinets, and establishes, within the Directorate General of Administration, a National Directorate of Planning and a National Directorate of Information, Technology and Communication. Through this amendment, the positions of the Heads of the Legal and 2020 Force Cabinets equal, in salary, to the General Director's level. The structure of the Supreme Military Defence Council is also changed, reflecting the provisions of the first amendment to the National Defence Law.

The Council of Ministers approved the Government Resolution draft, presented by the Minister of Public Works, Salvador Soares dos Reis Pires, on the discharge of José Luis de Carvalho and the appointment of Ermenegilda da Costa Laurentina, to the position of Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Timor-Leste's Institute of Equipment's Management.

Lastly, a Government Resolution draft was approved, presented by the Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Social Solidarity and Inclusion, Armanda Berta dos Santos, who appoints Atanásio de Jesus as Executive Secretary of the National Commission Against HIV-AIDS in Timor-Leste and revokes the Government Resolution no. 2/2014, of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. **END** 

