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## Meeting of the Council of Ministers of August 19, 2020

The Council of Ministers met, at the Government Palace, in Dili, and approved the Decree-Law draft presented by the Minister of Justice, Manuel Cárceres da Costa, that has as its object the **second amendment to the Ministry of Justice Organic Law**. This amendment aims to reflect the widening of the powers of this Ministry, resulting from the new Government's structure, namely concerning the powers related to judicial reform, which are now concentrated in the Ministry of Justice, with the extinction of the Ministry of Legislative Reform and Parliamentary Affairs.

The Decree-Law draft, presented by the Minister of State Administration, Miguel Pereira de Carvalho, regarding the **Statutes of Municipal Administrations, Municipal Authorities and the Interministerial Technical Group for administrative decentralization second amendment** was approved.

The amendment partially reverses the process of administrative concentration regarding human resources, that had resulted from the Statutes first amendment and resolves legal and operational constraints in terms of the competences, organization and functioning of municipal services, as well as in the matter of appointing managers and leaders as substitutes. The same Decree-Law also includes changes related to the Municipal Consultative Councils, namely concerning their composition.

The Council of Ministers also approved two Government Resolution drafts, presented by the Minister of Public Works, Salvador Soares dos Reis Pires, related to the **National Water Resources Management Policy and the National Water Supply Policy**.

The National Water Resources Management Policy defines the Government responsibilities, intentions, objectives and strategies in managing the water resources. This document provides a general framework and an action line for the National Water Resources Management Policy until 2030. It is a guidance and information document, for public authorities, water resources managers and all entities involved in the preparation and implementation of legislation, regulation, policy, strategies, plans and actions for the water resources management in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.





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The National Water Supply Policy aims to establish the Government vision and objectives regarding the national and international commitments assumed to provide fair access to adequate, safe and sustainable water services, at an affordable cost for all citizens. This document contains the guiding line that will allow to translate the vision of universal access to a public water supply into strategies and plans, and the respective provision on its best implementation strategy, for benefit of Timor-Leste' population, and a social and economic development of the country, in a sustainable way. **END**

