



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE
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THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MEETING ON 29TH OF APRIL 2009

The Council of Ministers held a meeting on Wednesday, 29th of April 2009, in its room in the Government Building, Dili where it approved:

1. Decree-Law that approves the Organic Structure of the State's General Inspectorate

The Council of Ministers approved today a Decree-Law that endows the General Inspectorate with a proper legal framework, by giving it powers in the areas of auditing and inspection. Thus, it will give the Government precise and objective informations on transparency and accountability in the financial activities and in the management of the Public Administration.

The Council of Ministers also analysed:

1. Schedule of the Budget process for 2010

The Ministry of Finance presented to the Council of Ministers a draft schedule regarding the presentation of the State General Budget for 2010. This draft schedules the submission of the Budget proposal to National Parliament until the end of the month of October.

2. Recruitment Process for Leadership positions in the Ministry of Finance

The results from the recruitment process for Senior Staff grade A and B and the appointment of the National and General Directors, with the deadline being on the 20th of March, were presented to the members of the Council of Ministers. Considering the requirements for the recruitment process, which was guided by the Civil Service Commission, of the 190 submissions only 74 met the eligibility conditions. Only 23 candidates passed the written exams, 17 passed the group discussions to the private interviews. The recruitment panel will submit their recommendations to the Minister for Finance based on all the results of the candidates, their strengths and weaknesses.

3. Medium Term Financial Framework

After a brief summary of the economy in Timor-Leste, the focus of this presentation was in the different growth scenarios and/or reform policies that should take place in the country.

The main issues are:

- a) What is the fastest and most prudent way to increase capital expenditure in the medium term?
- b) What is the best way to increase the fiscal revenue?
- c) How can the business environment improve?
- d) How can we increase the value for money in the public investment?

In order to limit the increase in expenditure, one has to give greater importance to domestic income. Better Government expenditure and a pro business policy. These measures are important if Timor-Leste wishes to avoid, at least delay, the reduction of the Petroleum Fund. Expenditure control is the key to stabilize the country's public finance.

4. National Priorities

The groups that, in accordance with their areas, will work in the National Priorities for 2009. In the next meetings the Working Groups will approve the final matrix for the National Priorities, do the monthly report and appoint the representatives of the Civil Society that shall be a part of the Working Groups.

5. Digitalization of the Data in Public Identification

The Ministry of Justice presented the process of digitalisation of data, which is being implemented. This process will have an impact specially in the areas of Defence and Security (control in movement of people through the borders), Social Security (assistance and other programmes), also in Politics and Democracy (for example, in the elections process).

6. Accreditation Plan for University Diplomas

The Ministry of Education determined that a certification exam needs to take place for the civil service. This applies to all citizens that have diplomas or equivalent experience, that have been given by national or international institutions and still do not have formal accreditation and the respective operational licence.

This exam will be coordinated by the National Directorate for Superior and Technical Education part of the Ministry for Education and jointly with the Ministry for State Administration.