



IV CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT OF STATE OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

PRESS RELEASE

Council of Ministers Meeting of 6th of October of 2010

The Council of Ministers held a meeting this Wednesday, 6th of October of 2010, in its meeting room, in the Government Palace, in Dili, and approved:

1. Second Amendment to the Law on the Statute of National Liberation Combatants

The IV Constitutional Government has been noticing that the National Liberation Combatants, the main responsible persons for the edification of the Timor-Leste State, currently feel the need to contribute more actively to social harmony and political stability, as conditions for the nation's construction and development.

The amendment to Law n° 3/2006, of 12th of April, is related to the structure of the National Liberation Combatants Consultative Council. Specifically, the Veterans National Council is created as the only representative organ of the interests of all National Liberation Combatants. It is also the consultative organ of the Government for issues related to defending the interests of veterans covered by the referred Law, as well as others issues that concern the National Liberation Combatants.

2. First Amendment to the Government Decree that creates the Eventual Commission for Data Verification of the First Period of Registration of National Liberation Combatants

The amendment to the Government Decree n° 1/2010, of 18 of February, regards the duration of mandate of the Eventual Commission for Data Verification of the First Period of Registration of National Liberation Combatants, and which its mission is to validate the data regarding the requests for attribution of the capacity of National Liberation Combatant.

The referred Commission, which has a temporary nature, should conclude the respective work until the 11th of December of 2010, instead of the initially established 120 days. This extension is owed to the complexity of the work developed and to the delay in the insertion of the respective alterations into the Data Base, delay resulting from the verification work of the registration requests.

3. Third Amendment to the Decree-Law on Pensions for National Liberation Martyrs and Combatants

This alteration to Decree Law nº 15/2008, of 4th of July, covers the situations in which the National Liberation Combatant has passed away before the beginning or the conclusion of his respective registration process with the competent authorities or before the start or the end of the period for filling for a Special Retirement Pension or Special Subsistence Pension. Likewise, this diploma also covers situations where the National Liberation Martyr has died or gone missing without a baptism certificate, which makes it impossible for the father, mother or brothers or sisters to file for the subsistence pension based on the presentation of a birth certificate.

The Council of Ministers also analysed:

1. Presentation regarding Pre-qualification of Civil Construction Companies

To guarantee the quality and safety of the constructions developed in Timor-Leste, a pre-qualification proposal was presented to the Council of Ministers, for Civil Construction Companies that carry out their activities in the Country. The project, presented by the Ministry of Infra-structures, predicts the drafting of a Decree-Law for the certification and enrolment of construction companies and technical consultancies, as well for the registry and enrolment of individual professional businesspersons of the civil construction sector. It is also intended to create the means for the development of the companies' technical and financial capacity.

2. Measures to combat the illegal consumption of electric energy

Taking into account that the public service of electricity supply, under EDTL responsibility, has been delivered lately with some difficulty in continuity, which brings great disruption to our citizens' lives, the Council of Ministers analysed possible ways of solving this problem.

EDTL's current response capacity is programmed according to the known number of consumers that legally utilize electricity. Thus, it becomes fundamental to calculate a regular supply of electricity in good conditions so that the network is assessed according to the number of actual consumers.