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Council of Ministers Meeting on May 9, 2012

The Council of Ministers met this Wednesday, May 9, 2012, in the Council of Ministers Meeting Room at the Government Palace in Dili and approved:

1. Presentation of the project for celebration of an Integrated Regional Development Agreement between Timor-Leste and Indonesia

The Ministry of Economy and Development presented to the Council of Ministers a draft for an Integrated Regional Development Agreement, which shall be concluded between Timor-Leste and Indonesia to strengthen the sharing of infrastructure covering and servicing, land, air and sea between the two countries in order to promote and strengthen regional economic cooperation.

The Council of Ministers approved the signing of a letter of intent, between the Ministry of Economy and Development and the Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs of Indonesia, which provides for the creation of a working group to conclude a memorandum of understanding to implementing the project of Integrated Regional Development between the two countries.

2. Government Resolution that approves the appointment of Dr. José Ramos-Horta as a Special Envoy to the *Rio +20 Conference*

The Council of Ministers decided to appoint the outgoing President, Dr. Ramos-Horta, as Special Envoy to the United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development, the *Rio +20 Conference* to be held in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 13 to 22 June 2012.

3. Government Resolution that adopts the model of free transit-cards to members and former members of the Organs of Sovereignty

The Council of Ministers approved the free transit card template to members and former members of Organs of Sovereignty, in accordance with the Statute of the Holders of the Organs of Sovereignty,

establishing that such members and former members who have performed their duties for a minimum period of forty-two months have the right to free transit.

4. Decree-Law that creates the Registry and Verification of Enterprise Service (SERVE) and establishes the "New Registration System"

With the creation of the Registry and Verification of Enterprise Service (SERVE) and the "New Registration System" activities related to business registration and licensing will now be located in one place, in order to facilitate and expedite the registration and initiation of commercial activities by businesses and the entrepreneurs. The process is simplified and some procedures are eliminated.

An Inter-ministerial Commission was established that will administer and manage the areas of registration, licensing and commercial tax of SERVE.

The creation of this service is in accordance with the Strategic Development Plan and demonstrates that the Government and the various ministries involved have made important efforts to make Timor-Leste an attractive and economically competitive country.

5. Government Decree that establishes the Prosecutor Workforce Career

This diploma establishes the framework for the career of prosecutor, and defines the vacancies for each of the career categories, in accordance with the provisions of article n.º 56 of Law n.º 14/2005 of September 16, which approved the Statute of the Prosecution.

The Council of Ministers also analyzed:

1. Presentation of the Master Plan for Renewable Energy

The Secretariat of State for Energy Policy presented to the Council of Ministers a Renewable Energy Master Plan for the Development of Electricity in Timor-Leste.

The document is based on studies made on various sources of renewable energy in Timor-Leste, and concluded that the country has the potential to generate a large quantity of energy for electricity production.

By 2020, it is expected that at least half of the Timor-Leste energy needs will be provided by renewable energy, including, in order of viability, hydropower, biomass, solar, and wind energy.

2. Presentation of Study on Human Resources

This study, presented to the Council of Ministers by the National University of Timor Lorosa'e (UNTL) contains preliminary results for devising a national strategy for human resource development.

Generally, the document reports and analyzes national needs in terms of human resources to allow the Government to make the appropriate decisions taking into account the financial and economic benefits for the development of a unique integrated long term and strategic program of education and training of human resources.

More than 53,000 surveys to employees (23,951) and students (29,243) were undertaken, which involved the study of Timor-Leste's human resources profile, including the identification of areas of study and staff and students qualifications.