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## PRESS RELEASE

## Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers from October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Government met extraordinarily this Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in the Council of Ministers' meeting room, at the Government Palace, in Díli, and approved:

 Government Resolution that Renews the Mandate of the President of the Board for TIMOR-GAP, E.P

Under Decree Law no. 6/2015, of 11 March, the Council of Ministers approved the reappointment of Mr. Francisco da Costa Monteiro as President of the Board of Directors and President of the Executive Committee of TIMOR-GAP, E.P, for a new 4-year mandate.

TIMOR-GAP, E.P, is a national petroleum company in Timor-Leste, created in 2011, with the objective of representing the government in conducting business within the oil and gas sector.

2. Recommendation to reappoint the Chief and the Vice-Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces for F-FDTL

Based on Decree-Law no. 7/2014, of 12 March – Statute of the Military Forces of F-FDTL – the Council of Ministers approved a recommendation to reappoint Major-General Lere Anan Timur (Tito da Costa Cristovão) as Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces for F-FDTL and Brigadere-General Filomeno da Paixão de Jesus as Vice-Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces for F-FDTL.

The Council of Ministers also analysed:

## 1. General State Budget Proposal for 2016

The Government made a preliminary analysis of the Draft Law of the General State Budget (GSB) for 2016, which encompasses all the revenues and expenses and covers the period between 1 January and 31 December 2016.

## 2. Presentation of the program for the celebrations of the 500th Anniversary of the Affirmation of the Timorese Identity

The Minister of State Administration, on behalf of the Organising Committee for the celebrations, presented a budget for the schedule of activities, for the Council of Minister's appreciation. The activities are been developed following a historical, cultural and intellectual approach, with highlight on the role of the Catholic Church in the history of Timor-Leste.