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PRESS RELEASE

Meeting of the Council of Ministers of April 20th, 2016

The Council of Ministers met this Wednesday, April 20th, 2016, at the Government Palace in Dili, and approved:

1. Decree Law on the Basic Law for Land Use

The Constitution establishes the fundamental objective for land-use policy as the promotion of harmonious and integrated development of the sectors and regions, and fair division of the National Product. The Decree Law on the Basic Law for Land Use provides for the existence of two major types of instruments of regional planning: those of national scope and those of municipal scope. Its approval allows to the Government to define the guiding principles and objectives of the Administration, to identify various public interests with territorial dimensions, to use regional planning instruments as a means of Public Administration intervention, as well as to define the typology and the objectives such instruments have to follow.

2. Decree Law on the 1st amendment to the Organic Law of the Ombudsman for Human Rights and Justice

The structure of this institution was approved during the meeting of the Council of Ministers of April 13th, 2011. However, different functions and responsibilities have led to an increase in the volume of work encountered and the creation of positions such as researchers, monitors, trainers, officers and assistants, to provide expertise in the functions needing to be carried out..This amendment opts for a mixed, reduced and more operational structure.



3. Decree Law on the structure of the Secretariat of State for Youth and Sports

In line with the economic policy of the current Government, the Secretariat of State of Youth and Sports intends to adopt a simple and efficient structure, with only one Directorate-General in coordination with six National Directorates. The SSYS is under the subordination of the Minister of State, Coordinator of Social Affairs and has the mission to devise, implement, coordinate and assess policy in areas concerning the promotion of well being and the development of youth, physical education and sport.

4. Decree Law on the licensing process of advertising messages

At the meeting of the Council of Ministers of September 14th, 2011 , the Legal Regime of advertising activities was approved, in its general form. Due to the growth of economic activity and the requirements of coexistence among consumers and the various services, this Decree-Law comes, for the first time, to impose a normative discipline to the licensing process of advertising messages, foreseeing a typology as well as the display and printing of advertising media.

5. Decree Law on the National Library Structure

Approved by the Council of Ministers, the library has as objective to collect, process and conserve Timorese documentary heritage, as well as ensure its study and dissemination, and the classification and inventory of the national bibliographic heritage.

6. Decree Law on the legal regime of Legal Deposit of publications in Timor-Leste

The bibliographic, audio, visual, audio-visual and digital Timorese heritage constitutes an important historical and cultural wealth and as such should be preserved for the benefit of present and future generations. This diploma regulates the legal deposit of publications, in the National Library of Timor-Leste, aiming to ensure the registration and the safeguarding of the national intellectual production, by any means intended for public dissemination or distribution, both free and remunerated.

The Council of Ministers also reviewed:

1. "Rural roads" master plans

The Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications has presented a plan of road construction in rural areas, for the period of 2016 to 2020. Inserted in the Strategic Development Plan, the improvement of access facilitates people's movements, increases the creation of jobs and facilitates private investment in the interior regions of the country



2. Decree Law on the Economic Inspection and Food Security Authority

The Programme of the Sixth Constitutional Government considers the revision of the legal standards on product safety necessary to increase consumer confidence. The creation of this new entity gathers and coordinates the services related with the supervision, evaluation and communication of detected food risks, as well as with the promotion of the exercise of discipline in all economic activities of all sectors.

