



PRESIDENCY OF THE  
**COUNCIL OF  
MINISTERS**  
SIXTH CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Meeting of the Council of Ministers from May 17th, 2016**

The Council of Ministers met this Tuesday, at the Government Palace in Dili, and approved:

**1. Proposal for a Resolution of National Parliament to approve an agreement in the area of trade between Timor-Leste and Vietnam**

Vietnam is a member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and supports the candidacy of Timor-Leste to become a full member of this organization. The two countries have maintained a mutually beneficial relationship of cooperation. Thus, Government sends to the National Parliament an agreement that aims to develop economic and commercial relations between the two countries, so that the sovereign body may ratify it.

**2. Decree-Law on the Organizational Structure of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources**

In order to face the great challenges ahead in the area of mineral resources, it is essential to define and approve the organizational structure of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, the government entity with responsibilities in the oil, gas and mineral sectors. With the approval of its organic law, the Government aims to give this ministry a structure that will enable it to efficiently carry out its tasks, thus contributing to the improvement of the services it provides and the further development of existing human resources.



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