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Council of Ministers meeting of August 23rd, 2016

The Council of Ministers met on Tuesday at the Government Palace in Dili, and analysed two reports and a project presented by the Technical Secretariat of the Human Capacity Development Fund.

The first report – **Evaluation of the Results of 2011-2014 Programmes** – verifies the productivity of the first four years of the Human Capacity Development Fund (HCDF). The report is based on a survey conducted in 2015 which focused on training activities funded by the HCDF that were completed by the end of 2014. These activities included vocational training courses, technical training for public officials, scholarships and other training activities in the various State institutions, including the sectors of defence, security and justice, and also to the general public.

The second report – **Analysis and Mapping of the Human Resources in the Public Sector of Timor-Leste** – also based on a survey conducted in 2015, assists the HCDF to identify the priorities for investment and to strengthen the skills in the areas with greater needs, to enable a steady growth of capacity within State institutions.

The project to be undertaken by the Technical Secretariat in the coming months will **Survey Data on Existing Human Resources in Timor-Leste, by Household**, and is set to run from September 2016 to January 2017. The final report should be completed by February 2017.

The Council of Ministers approved the **Guidelines for Study and Training Scholarships**, also presented by the Technical Secretariat of the Human Capacity Development Fund, in order to harmonize the criteria for the allocation of study and training scholarships in all the institutions registered by the HCDF.

The Minister of State, Coordinator of State Administration Affairs and Justice made a status report on the first three months of the **Programme and Implementation of the Guide for the Public Administration**



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Reform during which the priority goals in the first semester for each of the pillars of Public Administration were identified, namely, the National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), the General Inspectorate of State (GIS), the State Secretariat for Institutional Strengthening and the Civil Service Commission.

The Minister of Commerce, Industry and Environment informed the Council of Ministers on the **Intended Nationally Determined Contributions - INDC** project, following the decisions of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, held in Paris in 2015. The document is to be delivered to the United Nations Organization.

The Council of Ministers revoked, as proposed by the Minister of Public Works, Transport and Communications, the Decree-Law N. 40/2012, of September 5th, on the **National Electrification Programme**. This diploma, which has completed its mission, was a special procedure for the award of rehabilitation work and new installations of electric energy distribution lines. For the last four years the programme has helped to improve the electricity transport infrastructure in the country.

Two draft resolutions proposed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation were approved. These resolutions were to ratify the **Agreement on the Status of Visiting Forces Between the Governments of New Zealand and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste**, and approve the **Treaty of Commercial Cooperation Between the Governments of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the State of Kuwait**. The first diploma had the collaboration of the Ministry of Defence and the second of the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Environment.

The Office of the Prime Minister saw two of their proposals adopted at this meeting: the **Draft Law that Establishes the Legal Regime of Public Professional Associations**, which regulates the establishment, organization and the functioning of those associations; and the proposed list for **Nomination to the Order of Timor-Leste**, which is the award with the greatest prestige and dignity of the Nation. The list of names proposed by the Government will now be submitted to the President of the Republic for consideration.

The **Implementation of Activities to Raise Awareness to the Electoral Census and Survey on Existing Conditions for its Execution in the National Territory and Abroad** was also approved. This diploma, presented by Minister of State Administration, aims to ensure the dissemination of the new legal framework and increase the democratic participation of Timorese citizens residing abroad. **ENDS**

