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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Council of Ministers' meeting of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

The Council of Ministers met on Tuesday at the Government Palace in Dili, and considered several diplomas, most presented by the Minister of State, Coordinator of State Administration Affairs and Justice and Minister of State Administration.

The Council of Ministers approved: a **Government Resolution on the appointment of the members of the Political Review Committee**, which includes the schedule of meetings for the revision of the General State Budget for 2017; the **Government Resolution on the Policy for Strengthening Institutions (2016-2030)** which creates a working group to monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy, containing ten principles to guide the public sector in improving service delivery, supporting the overall Government objective of "A Vision, A Plan, An Action"; and, also, a **Government Resolution on the investment strategy for the management of solid urban waste in Dili**, which includes the services for the collection, storage, recycling and the final destination suitable for municipal solid waste.

Ministry of State Administration projects for the **Action Plan Model**, the **Municipal Budget Model** and the **Interorganic Administrative Contracts Model** were also analysed. These instruments are essential to start the process of administration decentralization and improve the quality of public works and services. The Council of Ministers approved the establishment of a working group for the revision of budget proposals submitted by ministries, aiming to redirect funds to municipal budgets.

The **Decree-Law on the rules relating to access and classification of official documents**, approved at the meeting of the Council of Ministers on May 24<sup>th</sup>, was reviewed and approved by the Council of Ministers, taking into consideration recommendations proposed by the President of the Republic.

The Council of Ministers also adopted two proposals from the Ministry of Defence. One refers to the **appointment of the new commanders of the components of the Armed Forces**, proposed by the Chief of Staff of the F-FDTL. The other proposes the reappointment of Colonel Domingos Raul (Falur



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Rate Laek) as **Chief of Staff of F-FDTL**. These proposals will now be submitted for consideration by the President of the Republic.

The Secretary of State for the Support and Socio-Economical Promotion of Women drew attention to the need for the ministries to prepare a **gender sensitive budget and annual plan**, to comply with the targets set in the Sustainable Development Goals, the recommendations of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the goals of the Strategic Development Plan 2011-2030. The Secretary of State will submit a proposal to develop common mechanisms to all ministries, in order to assess annual progress in relation to these goals. **END**



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