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Meeting of the Council of Ministers on September 28, 2011

The Council of Ministers met this Wednesday, September 28, 2011, in the Council of Ministers Meeting Room at the Government Palace in Dili, and approved:

1. Decree-Law that approves the Principles and Rules for Hospitals of the National Health Service

The Ministry of Health realized that the Hospital Statute approved by Decree-Law N^o. 1/2005 of May 31, needs to be redrafted to meet the sector's evolution and new requirements arising from it.

Therefore, the Council of Ministers approved the Decree Law establishing a well articulated and functional system of public hospital service, with autonomous management, efficient and effective, capable of ensuring a good level of hospital care, with the prospect of sector development in the medium and long term.

2. Resolution of the Government which dismisses two members of the Board of the National Petroleum Authority

The Council of Ministers accepted the requests for the removal, from office, of the National Petroleum Authority Board Members Vicente da Costa Pinto and Francisco da Costa Monteiro. Recognizing the care, diligence and high professionalism with which they perform their duties, the Council of Ministers granted their request.

3. Government Resolution appointing the Chairman of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Board of the TIMOR-GAP – Timor Gas and Oil E.P.

Recognizing the reputation and career of Francisco da Costa Monteiro, who make him a person of knowledge, experience and qualified technical training that enhance his management ability, the Council of Ministers approved his appointment to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Executive Director of TIMOR GAP - Timor Oil and Gas E.P.

The Council of Ministers also looked at:

1. Presentation on the supply of medicines and their regulation in the Market

The Ministry of Health, together with SAMES, gave a presentation on the system of supply of medicines at national level, taking into account the Ministry's Strategic Plan.

2. Decree-Law on Licensing of Activities of the Downstream Sector

The Secretariat of State for Natural Resources, and the National Petroleum Authority, presented a Decree-Law proposal with the purpose to regulate activities concerning the supply, processing, transportation, storage, sales and marketing of petroleum, petroleum products and similar products, commonly identified as downstream activities. The Council of Ministers will re-analyse this Decree-Law.