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Working Group for the delimitation of maritime boundaries

Considering that the delimitation of maritime boundaries with countries neighboring Timor-Leste is a fundamental matter to the exercise of sovereignty in various aspects, such as defense and security, natural resources and transport;

Considering also that various bilateral cooperation programs planned and in development, require the definition of maritime areas of Timor-Leste;

Considering that Timor-Leste needs to carry out technical studies in preparation for the definition of territorial baselines from which one can determine the limits of territorial waters as well as maritime borders;

Considering that these studies are technically complex and would require great scientific rigor and time to carry out that should be taken into account;

The Government resolves, pursuant to subparagraph c) of Article 116 of the Constitution of the Republic, the following:

- 1. Instruct the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to coordinate an interdepartmental working group and provide the working group with the technical equipment and scientific resources necessary to determine the baselines of Timor-Leste, as well as the legal instruments needed for future negotiations.
- 2. According to the provisions of Article 12 of Law no. 7/2002 of 20 September and complete the internal process of ratification, and later to deposit the corresponding instrument tooth, to the Convention on the Law of the Sea done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (UNCLOS)
- 3. This Resolution shall enter into force the day after its publication.

Approved by the Council of Ministers on 1 January 2012.
To be published.
The Prime Minister,

Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão