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PRESS RELEASE

Meeting of the Council of Ministers from July, 7th, 2015

The Council of Ministers met this Tuesday, July 7th, 2015, in the meeting room of the Council of Ministers, at the Government Palace, in Dili, and approved:

1. Government Resolution on the Civil Service National Day

The Council of Ministers has set June 15th as the Civil Service National Day.

On June 15th, 2009, two important laws for the Administration were published: Law n. 5/2009, amending the Civil Service Statute, and Law n. 7/2009, establishing the Civil Service Commission.

The Civil Service National Day aims at honoring and acknowledging the merit of all of those who have committed themselves to the establishment of the State and the development of the institutions, in order to reach a fairer society, and it shall be marked all across the country, not giving however rise to grant of day off or national holiday.

2. Decree Law establishing the organic structure for the Ministry of Social Solidarity

The Ministry of Social Solidarity is, according to the Organic Structure of the Sixth Constitutional Government, "the central Government body responsible for the conception, coordination and assessment of the policy, set and approved by the Council of Ministers, for the areas of social welfare, social assistance, natural catastrophes and community reintegration".

The organic structure is redesigned, in order to improve the efficiency of the direct and indirect administration by the Ministry of Social Solidarity, by providing it with the necessary competences, in order to increase the efficiency of policy development within their areas of tutelage. These policies are included in the Program of the Sixth Constitutional Government and in the Activity Plan for the Ministry of Social Solidarity for the period 2013-2017.



This diploma was elaborated by taking into account the work experience of the Ministry and the clear need to contribute towards an integrated social intervention, answering the challenges of a multidimensional vision on the poverty issues.

The Council of Ministers still analyzed:

1. Preparation of the General State Budget for 2016

The Council of Ministers has set the value intervals of the budget limit for the year of 2016. The final value will take into account the new essential projects for the execution of the Government Program. The assignment of budget limits for assets and services and for wages and salaries, by each government body, shall ensure the non-reduction of the due amounts and the budget reinforcement at the priority areas of health, education, agriculture and water and sanitation basic infrastructure.

The presentation by the Ministry of Finance follows a series of appointments and work meetings, involving various sectors, namely Budget Journeys, meetings at the Council of Ministers and interministerial meetings and of the work developed aiming to prepare the budget proposal for the next year. This proposal shall meet governmental guidelines aimed at the elaboration of a sustainable General State Budget, without superfluous expenditures, but ensuring an effective, efficient and fair service provision.