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## Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Eighth Constitutional Government

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### Press Release

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The Council of Ministers met, at the Government Palace, in Dili, and approved, with amendments, the Government Decree draft, presented by the acting Minister of Finance, Sara Lobo Brites, regarding the **2020 General State Budget (GSB) execution**.

This Government Decree establishes the rules related to the execution of the 2020 General State Budget, approved by Law 10/2020, of October 19<sup>th</sup>, and applies to the Central Administration bodies and services' budgets, the Special Administrative Region of Oe-cússe Ambeno budget and the Social Security budget.

The rules contained in this diploma are aimed namely at regulating and facilitating the budgetary execution of the last months of the year. Much of the rules established for the 2019 GSB are reproduced in this Government Decree, however, the wording has been simplified and its organization has been improved, to facilitate its interpretation by the public administrative sector's financial officials.

In particular, the expenditure process is clarified, with a clear identification of the different phases, to remove the doubts that have been preventing the beginning of procurement procedures or the making of commitments, namely those of a multiannual nature.

Continuing the effort to decentralize budget execution procedures, the possibility of delegating various powers of Government members to the General Director for Administration and Finance of the respective Ministry, or Secretariat of State not integrated, or to a management position, or equivalent leadership holder, is included. **END**

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