

TIMOR-LESTE

March through May 2015

STATE ADMINISTRATION

STRUCTURE OF THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT APPROVED

By means of Decree-Law No. 6/2015, of 11 March 2015, the structure of the VI Constitutional Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste was approved. The highlights of the new structure are, on the one hand, the creation of the new Ministry for Strategic Planning and Investment, headed by former Prime-Minister Xanana Gusmão, and on the other hand, the merger of the Ministry of Transports and Communications with the Ministry of Public Works, headed by Minister Gastão de Sousa.

PERMANENT MARITIME BOUNDARY COUNCIL

The Permanent Maritime Boundary Council ("Council"), originally created by means of Decree-Law No. 2/2015, dated 14 January 2015, has been restructured through Decree-Law No. 8/2015, of 22 April 2015, which revoked the former statute on the matter. Although reiterating the will of the people of Timor-Leste to fully exercise the country's sovereign and jurisdictional rights over its maritime areas, the Council is now defined as a public institute, with the aim of coordinating Timor-Leste's efforts towards the permanent definition of its maritime boundary with the Commonwealth of Australia. The Council's bodies, which will act under the supervision of the Prime-Minister, are (i) the Consultative Committee, (ii) the Maritime Boundary Cabinet, and (iii) the Negotiation Team.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE OE-CUSSE AMBENO SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AUTHORITY

Further to the creation of the Oe-cusse Ambeno Special Administrative Region and considering the proposal submitted by the President of the respective Authority, seven new members of said Authority were appointed by means of Government Resolution No. 21/2015, of 19 May 2015. The new Regional Secretaries will perform their functions in the areas of (i) Education and Social Solidarity, (ii) Finance, (iii) Territorial Management and Land Registration, (iv) Management, (v) Agriculture and Rural Development, (vi) Health, and (vii) Community Tourism.

LABOUR

CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION RATIFIED

Although Timor-Leste acceded to the International Labour Organization on 19 August 2003, thus formally accepting the obligations provided by the Constitution of said international organization, the National Parliament has only now ratified said Constitution, by means of Resolution of the National Parliament No. 5/2015, of 13 May 2015. All the rules and provisions of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization are now fully applicable in Timor-Leste.

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