

The National Parliament approves two resolutions that reinforce the process of Timor-Leste's integration into ASEAN

On June 29, 2026, the National Parliament approved two draft resolutions that continue the process of Timor-Leste's integration into the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), ensuring the implementation of the rights and obligations arising from Timor-Leste's status as the organization's 11th Member State. The plenary session was attended by the Deputy Minister for ASEAN Affairs, Milena Maria da Costa Rangel, and the Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Adérito Hugo da Costa, representing the Government.

The two proposals had been approved by the Council of Ministers, respectively, at the meetings of February 20 and June 3, 2026, and were subsequently submitted to the National Parliament.

The first resolution approves the amendment to the Framework of Commitments annexed to the ASEAN Agreement on the Movement of Natural Persons (MNP). The amendment results from the adoption of a harmonized model for all ASEAN Member States and corresponds exclusively to a technical reformulation, without any modification to the content or scope of the commitments undertaken by Timor-Leste.

During the plenary session, the Deputy Minister for ASEAN Affairs clarified that the reformulation of the agreement occurred after the conclusion of Timor-Leste's accession negotiations, making a new ratification necessary to ensure the document's conformity with the common format adopted by ASEAN. She also explained that the Agreement on the Movement of Individuals applies only to the mobility of skilled professionals between ASEAN Member States, while national immigration and labor legislation remains fully applicable.

The second resolution ratifies the Cebu Protocol amending the ASEAN Charter, adopted at the 48th ASEAN Summit, held in May 2026. The protocol formally updates the organization's Charter to reflect the admission of Timor-Leste as its 11th Member State, also updating the official list of Member States, the flag, and the emblem of ASEAN.

The Deputy Minister explained that this change is necessary because the ASEAN Charter continues to refer to only ten member states. Ratification will allow the updating of the organization's legal framework to be completed, with formal approval expected by the Heads of State and Government at the next ASEAN Summit, to be held in Manila between November 11 and 13, 2026.

Timor-Leste officially joined ASEAN on October 26, 2025. Since then, the Government has been promoting the necessary legislative, institutional, and technical measures to ensure full national integration into the organization's mechanisms.

The adoption of these two resolutions marks another step in this process, aimed at ensuring that ASEAN's legal framework reflects its composition of eleven member states and at supporting the full implementation of Timor-Leste's rights and obligations as a member of the organization.

Parlamentu Nasionál aprova rezolusaun rua ne'ebé hametin prosesu integrasaun Timor-Leste iha ASEAN

Iha loron 29 fulan-juñu tinan 2026, Parlamentu Nasionál aprova proposta Rezolusaun rua ne'ebé fó kontinuasaun ba prosesu integrasaun Timor-Leste nian iha Asosiasaun Nasoins Sudeste Aziátiku (ASEAN), hodi garante implementasaun ba direitu no obrigasaun sira ne'ebé mosu tanba Timor-Leste sai nu'udar Estadu-Membru da-11 organizasaun ne'e nian. Sesaun plenária ne'e marka prezensa husi Vise-Ministra ba Asuntus ASEAN, Milena Maria da Costa Rangel, no Vise-Ministru ba Asuntus Parlamentares, Adérito Hugo da Costa, ne'ebé reprezenta Governu.

Proposta rua ne'e hetan ona aprovasaun hosi Konsellu Ministrus, iha sorumutu loron 20 fulan-fevereiru no loron 3 fulan-juñu tinan 2026, no tuirmai haruka ba Parlamentu Nasionál.

Rezolusaun dahuluk aprova alterasaun ba Kuadru Kompromisus ne'ebé mai hamutuk ho Akordu ASEAN kona-ba Sirkulasaun Pesoas Singulares (Movement of Natural Persons – MNP). Alterasaun ne'e nu'udar rezultadu hosi adosaun modelu armonizadu ida ba Estadu-Membru ASEAN hotu-hotu no nu'udar reformatasaun téknika de'it, laho modifikasaun ruma ba konteúdu ka âmbito hosi kompromisus ne'ebé Timor-Leste asume.

Durante sesaun plenária, Vise-Ministra ba Asuntus ASEAN klarifika katak reformatasaun ba akordu ne'e akontese hafoin negosiasaun adezaun Timor-Leste nian konklui, hodi halo ratifikasaun foun ida nesesáriu atu garante dokumentu nia konformidade ho formatu komún ne'ebé ASEAN adota ona. Nia mós esplika katak Akordu kona-ba Sirkulasaun Pesoas Singulares aplika de'it ba mobilidade profesionál sira ne'ebé kualifikadu entre Estados-Membros ASEAN nian, no mós nafatin aplika plenamente lejislasaun nasionál kona-ba imigrasaun no traballu.

Rezolusaun daruak ratifika Protokolu Cebu ne'ebé altera Karta ASEAN, ne'ebé adota iha Simeira ASEAN ba dala 48, ne'ebé hala'o iha fulan-maiu tinan 2026. Protokolu ne'e atualiza formalmente Karta organizasaun nian hodi refleto admisaun Timor-Leste hanesan Estados-membros ba dala 11, halo mós atualizasaun ba lista ofisiál Estados-Membros, bandeira no emblema ASEAN nian.

Vise-Ministra esplika katak alterasaun ida-ne'e importante tanba Karta ASEAN kontinua temi de'it Estados-Membros sanulu. Ratifikasaun ne'e sei permite hodi konklui atualizasaun hosi kuadru jurídiku organizasaun nian, ne'ebé prevee ona aprovasaun formál hosi Xefe Estadu no Xefe Governu sira iha Simeira ASEAN tuirmai, ne'ebé sei hala'o iha Manila, hosi loron 11 to'o 13 fulan-novembru tinan 2026.

Timor-Leste ofisialmente adere ba ASEAN iha loron 26 fulan-outubru tinan 2025. Hahú husi ne'ebá, Governu promove medidas lejislativas, institusionais no téknikas ne'ebé nesesáriu atu garante integrasaun nasionál plena iha mekanizmu organizasaun nian.

Aprovasaun ba rezolusaun rua ne'e hanesan pasu ida tan iha prosesu ne'e, atu nune'e bele garante katak kuadru jurídiku ASEAN refleto ninia kompozisaun husi Estados-membros sanulu-resin-ida no mós apoia implementasaun plena direitu no obrigasaun sira Timor-Leste nian nu'udar membru husi organizasaun ne'e.

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