PRESS RELEASE

The V Constitutional Government met for the first time this Thursday, August 9, 2012 at the Noble Room of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dili, and analyzed:

1. Proposal approving the Organic Law of the V Constitutional Government

On August 8, after being sworn in the members of the V Constitutional Government analyzed this diploma that sets out the structure, competencies and philosophy that will guide the Executive in the next five years.

The political project for this mandate is strategic and builds on the improvements made in the various branches of government. This includes the promotion of a democratic and transparent culture, and the investment in the productive sectors of the country, which give form and content to the programs established in the Strategic Development Plan to transform and diversify the economy of Timor-Leste.

The new organisational structure establishes a common platform of understanding to do more and do better for the country and responds to our national development needs. The appointment of new Ministers, Vice Ministers and Secretaries of State is crucial to meet the challenges that the country faces and realise the aspirations of the Timorese People.

In light of this, the V Constitutional Government comprises the Prime Minister, the Vice Prime Minister, 15 Ministers, 12 Vice Ministers and 26 Secretaries of State. Its composition is as follows:

1. Prime Minister Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão

2. Vice Prime Minister and Coordinator of Social Affairs: Fernando Lassama de Araújo
a) Secretary of State for the Promotion of Equality: Idelta Maria Rodrigues
b) Secretary of State of Youth and Sports: Miguel Manetelo
c) Secretary of State for Professional Training and Employment Policy: Ilídio Ximenes da Costa

3. Presidency of the Council of Ministers
   I. Minister of State and of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers: Agio Pereira
d) Secretary of State of the Council of Ministers: Avelino Coelho da Silva
e) Secretary of State for Parliamentary Affairs: Maria Terezinha Viegas
f) Secretary of State for Media: Nélio Isaac Sarmento
g) Secretary of State for Institutional Strengthening: Francisco Soares
h) Secretary of State for Support and Promotion of the Private Sector: Veneranda Martins

4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
   II. Minister of State and of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, José Luís Guterres
   A. Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation: Constâncio da Conceição Pinto
   i) Secretary of State for ASEAN Affairs: Roberto Soares

5. Ministry of Defence and Security
   III. Minister of Defence and Security
   j) Secretary of State for Defence, Júlio Tomás Pinto
   k) Secretary of State for Security: Francisco Guterres

6. Ministry of Finance
   IV. Minister of Finance, Emília Pires
   B. Vice Minister of Finance: Santina Cardoso

7. Ministry of Justice
   V. Minister of Justice: Dionísio Babo Soares
   C. Vice Minister of Justice: Ivo Jorge Valente
   l) Secretary of State for Land and Property: Jaime Xavier Lopes

8. Ministry of Health
   VI. Minister of Health: Sérgio Gama Lobo
   D. Vice Minister for Ethics and Service Delivery: Natália Araújo
   E. Vice Minister for Management, Support and Resources: Maria do Céu da Costa
9. Ministry of Education

VII. Minister of Education: Bendito Freitas
   F. Vice Minister of Basic/Primary Education: Dulce de Jesus Soares
   G. Vice Minister of Secondary Education: Virgílio Simith
   H. Vice Minister of Higher Education: Marcal Avelino Ximenes

10. Ministry of State Administration

VIII. Minister of State Administration: Jorge da Conceicao Teme
   m) Secretary of State for Administrative Decentralisation: Tomás Cabral
   n) Secretary of State for Local Development: Samuel Mendonça

11. Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Environment

IX. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Environment: António da Conceição
   i) Vice Minister of Commerce, Industry and Environment: Abel da Costa Ximenes
   o) Secretary of State of Commerce: Ricardo Cardoso Nheu
   p) Secretary of State of Industry and Cooperatives: Filipus 'Nino' Pereira
   q) Secretary of State of Environment: Nominando Soares Martins 'Buras'

12. Ministry of Social Solidarity

X. Minister of Social Solidarity: Isabel Guterres
   J) Vice Minister of Social Solidarity: Jacinto Rigoberto de Deus
   r) Secretary of State for Social Security: Vítor da Costa
   s) Secretary of State for the Combatants for National Liberation Affairs: Júlio Sarmento da Costa

13. Ministry of Public Works

XI. Minister of Public Works: Gastão Francisco de Sousa
   t) Secretary of State for Public Works: Luís Vaz Rodrigues
   u) Secretary of State for Electricity: Januário Pereira
   v) Secretary of State for Water, Sanitation and Urban Development: Elias Pereira Moniz

14. Ministry of Transport and Communications

XII. Minister of Transport and Communications: Pedro Lay
    K) Vice Minister for Transport and Communications: Flávio Cardoso Neves

15. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

XIII. Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries: Mariano Assanami Sabino
    L) Vice Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries: Marcos da Cruz
2. Presentation of the V Constitutional Government Program

The process of submission of the V Constitutional Government Program was discussed by the members of the Government.

The Government has 30 days from the day of inauguration to present the program to the National Parliament.

3. Presentation of the Government’s Supplementary Budget for 2012

Government members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of various options presented by the Ministry of Finance, in regard to the Draft Law Amending the Budget for 2012.

4. Presentation of the Calendar for the 2013 General State Budget

The Council of Ministers also analyzed the various stages of the work plan for the preparation of the Draft Law of the State Budget for 2013.