

## **FRETILIN PARLIAMENTARY BENCH**

### **Motion of Rejection for the Program of the VIII Government**

**July 26, 2018**

#### **MOTION OF REJECTION**

After an analysis of the program of the VIII Government, and following the presentation of H.E. Prime Minister Sr. José Maria de Vasconcelos of the program, the Bench of FRETILIN at the National Parliament is of the view that:

1. The program does not reflect the needs and the current context of our people and our country as well as not reflective of the capacity of this government to execute them within its five-year mandate.
  - a) The composition of the government, or machine that will translate this program to respond to the people's needs is weak and thus gives us no faith that it will be able to execute the program as presented.
  - b) Data presented in the program and those in the speech of H.E. Prime Minister are fake, in a large part, and not up to date in others.
  - c) Education and language of teaching: His Excellency Prime Minister, as President of Republic, defended many times Portuguese as the teaching language. Now the government under his leadership presents a policy that reinforces the use of Mother Tongue or First Language. This demonstrates the absence of consistency between the policy that the Head of Government defends, which the Government is planning to implement, reinforcing our lack of faith the success of its implementation.
  - d) Health: the program presents two plans (2.2.3 - 1 & 2) which were supposed to be implemented in 2015, in accordance with the PEDN, but are not achieved to date. It is not possible to continue programs, which have not been initiated. This means that this government develop its program not on the basis of real data and the current situation of the country.
  - e) Pre-School: In the Strategic Development Plan, the objective was to have some 253 pre-school buildings with 758 classrooms rehabilitated/constructed by 2015. 8 years later, until 2018 however, only 31 pre-school buildings have been rehabilitated/constructed. The program presented now, the government commits to build/rehabilitate 100 pre-school buildings (2.1.1). Considering that in 8 years the government has only managed to build 31 pre-school buildings, we do not believe that 100 buildings will be built/rehabilitated in 5 years, including human resources, didactic equipment and materials mentioned in the program. We have to be realistic about the resources at our disposal and the capacity (which we lack) to achieve these objectives.
  - f) These are only some of the many inconsistencies, particularly in terms of macroeconomic data and the forecast for a sustainable and inclusive economy, which is presented by this program. All these reinforcing our conviction that the VIII Government presents a program that it does not know, and therefore, the government is in no condition to execute the program.

g) Given our analysis, this program will need a great financial investment and, based on experience, we know the absorption capacity of the State machine is insufficient. For example, between 2012 and 2016, the budget execution was 78%, not counting the waste, misuse of fund and projects of no quality. For this reason, we doubt the capacity of the State machine in observing the budget in relation to this vast program.

## 2. Wish List

- a) What is found in Government the program is a structure of a campaign manifesto where promises are made with no timeframe;
- b) The program is not realistic for the tenure of this government (5 years), since not all will be implemented in the short period of time, and perhaps all its does is sowing sands into the people's eyes;

3. The program is unclear with regards to the forecast as to what the program could achieve, specifically, in 5 years. The goals presented are generic. The program does not show clear linkages between objectives, goals and actions.

4. When the VII Government presented its program for appreciation, the parliamentarians from the benches in the current government commented that the program was incoherent and inconsistent. This government has shown now its lack of internal coherence, including the lack of capacity in completing the government structure, yet today it presents a program with real incoherence and inconsistencies.

5. The program maintains the same line with regards to picking RAEOA/ZEESM, the sole success case in the last three years, as the target to be discounted while disregarding completely the weaknesses of the 10 years of governance of CNRT/AMP/Bloco.

6. The program elects the South Coast Development as the determinant factor to instil Timor-Leste's economic growth without ensuring certainty on the development of the Greater Sunrise field.

We therefore conclude that

The program is an early elections manifesto, which demonstrates the Prime Minister's awareness that his government is a contracted government for a certain period of time by the leader of CNRT Xanana Gusmão.

For all these, and for not to be an accomplice of yet another manipulation of political government, the FRETILIN Bench, under the provision of Art 109.2 of the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the provisions of Art 13.e and Art 136.1 of the Statute of the National Parliament, presents this motion of rejection to the program of the VIII Constitutional Government led by Prime Minister José Maria de Vasconcelos, commonly known, Taur Matan Ruak.

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