



SUMMARY

120 DAYS OF COMMITMENTS

IX CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

July 1 to October 28, 2023

“Let us save the Democratic Rule of Law”

1 Restore democratic normality, through a legitimate Parliament and a legal Government, to approve the Government Program for 5 years, approve the Amending Budget for 2023 and approve the General State Budget for 2024. Also make every effort to revoke all the legislation and regulations necessary for the consolidation of the State. The Council of Ministers approved, on July 12, 2023, the Program of the IX Constitutional Government, defining the main public policies to be adopted during the mandate. The Government Program received a vote of confidence from the National Parliament on July 19, 2023. The Council of Ministers approved, on August 9, 2023, the Amending General State Budget for 2023. The Amending Budget for 2023, with the amount of 1.77 billion US dollars, was approved by the National Parliament, on August 24, 2023, in a final global vote. The Council of Ministers approved, on July 24, 2023, the new Government structure, Decree-Law No. 46/2023 of July 28. The Council of Ministers approved, on October 2, 2023, the total amount of expenditure associated with each budget title referring to the General State Budget for 2024 with the estimated global value of 1.6 billion US dollars. This amount reflects an 18% reduction compared to the 2023 OGE.

two Repeal Law No. 3/2014, which created RAEOA and ZEEMS, to subordinate the RAEOA Authority to better control by the Central Government, as the objective described in the Law for the creation of ZEEMS was not outlined, even after of nine long years, and carry out an immediate Audit of all activities, including the process of the expensive acquisition of “Ró Haksolok”. The Council of Ministers approved, on September 25th, the draft Law Proposal that approves the third amendment to Law No. 3/2014, of June 18th, which created the Special Administrative Region of Oe-Cússe Ambeno (RAEOA) and Establishes the Special Social Market Economy Zone of Oe-Cússe Ambeno and Ataúro. This Proposed Law was generally approved in the National Parliament on October 24, 2023. The approved changes include: the establishment of an appropriate legal framework for Special Social and Market Economy Zones throughout the territory; the power of supervision over the RAEOA will be exercised exclusively by the Prime Minister; the regulatory power of the RAEOA will be in accordance with the Constitution and the Law; contracts signed by RAEOA on behalf of the Special Zone of Social Market Economy of Oe-Cússe Ambeno and Ataúro will be automatically transferred to RAEOA. Regarding the acquisition process of the “Ró-Haksolok”, the Government is carrying out a detailed examination of all documents that are part of the process, including the various contracts associated with the construction of the ship, and analyzing the technical and financial feasibility of continuing with the project.

3 Annul the law that created the municipality of Ataúro, due to the total lack of infrastructural and logistical conditions. tics on the island of Ataúro, such as roads, electricity, water, port and airport. The Council of Ministers approved the Law Proposal for the fourth amendment to Law no. 11/2009, of October 7, which approves the Administrative Division of the Territory. This Proposed Law was generally approved in the National Parliament on October 24, 2023. This amendment aims to extinguish the municipality of Ataúro and create a first-tier administrative division, called “Ataúro”, following what is defined in article 5 of the Constitution of the Republic.

4 Carry out audits of the Court of Auditors, the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Public Ministry, on the implementation of programs and the lack of procurement processes in many projects. The Government is carrying out a legal analysis of the lack of audited accounts provided by the Court of Auditors, the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Public Ministry.

5 Carry out an audit of the Civil Service Commission and the General State Inspectorate on recruitment illegal and end contracts, without justification. Both with regard to the Civil Service Commission and the General State Inspectorate, the necessary terms of reference to carry out audits of these two entities are already being prepared.

6 Carry out an audit of electoral fraud, committed by the Electoral Administration, in the recent Parliamentary Elections, to safeguard the Democratic Rule of Law. An evaluation process was carried out regarding the organization and functioning of the Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE) and the activities carried out by it in the last electoral processes, identifying the need to carry out a new electoral registration process, to faithfully update the information contained in the Electoral Census Database.

7 Restructure the Management of TIMOR GAP and ANPM, to ensure greater efficiency in the oil sector, crucial for the country's development. The Council of Ministers approved the second amendment to Decree-Law no. 31/2011, of 27 July, TIMOR GAP - Timor Gás & Petróleo, EP Rui Maria Alves Soares was appointed to the position of President of the Board of Directors and, inherently, President of the Executive Committee of TIMOR GAP, EP - Timor Gás & Petróleo, EP (TIMOR GAP), for a four-year term. The Council of Ministers also approved the third amendment to Decree-Law no. 20/2008, of June 19, by which the National Petroleum Authority was created. Gualdino do Carmo da Silva was appointed to the position of President of the Board of Directors of the National Petroleum Authority, IP (ANP), for a four-year term. The creation of the IP National Mineral Authority was also approved (Decree-Law no. 63/2023 of September 6), and Rafael Danilson Magno de Araújo was appointed to the position of President of the Board of Directors, and the Institute of Geosciences was created of Timor-Leste IP (Decree-Law no. 60/2023 of September 6), with Job Brites do Santos being the new President of the Board of Directors. Companhia Mineira de Timor-Leste, SA was also dissolved and Murak Rai Timor, EP was created (Decree-Law No. 64/2023 of September 6), whose President of the Executive Committee and President of the Board of Directors is José Manuel Gonçalves.

8 Restructure the Scientific Criminal Investigation Police (PCIC), due to the lack of integrity and professionalism. The PCIC report and structural reform proposal have already been prepared. The Decree-Law on the PCIC Staff Statute and the Decree-Law on Amendments to the PCIC Statutes are in the preparation phase.

9 Consolidate peace and security, necessary for national development, guaranteeing the rights, freedoms and fundamental guarantees of all citizens. In the first 120 days of the IX Constitutional Government's mandate, several initiatives and reforms were initiated to consolidate peace, stability and security in the country, fundamental conditions for national development.

10 Immediately review the illegal process of forced retirement of dozens of PNTL members. The Council of Ministers approved, by Government Resolution, the reinstatement of 158 PNTL police officers. The Government reinstated these PNTL police officers, and resumed compensation for the time they remained in retired status.

11 Immediately reform and restructure the National Intelligence Service, to guarantee integrity and professionalism in this institution. The National Intelligence Service has already begun its restructuring. On September 5, 2023, the SNI Leadership Transfer of Powers Ceremony took place. The new leadership is made up of General Director Longuinhos Monteiro, and Deputy General Director, Egas Moniz.

12 Alert all PNTL Agents, who have sworn to serve a certain party, to resign.

adhere to the bonds of oath or else leave the PNTL. Awareness-raising and training activities were promoted for PNTL agents, as well as meetings with senior PNTL leaders, including a visit by the Prime Minister to the PNTL Academy, promoting the high values of integrity, professionalism and political or partisan independence.

13 Proceed with the immediate elimination of the brutal tax increase approved in January 2023. The Government adjusted the selective consumption tax rates and import customs duties applicable in 2023. The selective consumption tax rate on sugar was eliminated, as well as the increase in import customs duties, with the rate once again being applied previous 2.5%.

14 Audit and review, whenever necessary, the major “businesses” carried out at the end of the previous government's term of office. The Government set up several work teams to audit and review some of the “large” deals carried out on behalf of Timor-Leste by the VIII Government at the end of its mandate.

15 Ensure immediate availability of all medicines needed by hospitals and health centers. The Government created the National Institute of Pharmacy and Medical Products (FPM) to acquire, produce and ensure quality control of pharmaceutical products and medical equipment. The Government also carried out a survey of the needs in terms of medicines and other medical and pharmaceutical products in short supply in hospitals, health centers and laboratories, and signed a contract for the urgent supply of all missing medicines. The contract, worth 5.9 million US dollars, is awaiting approval by the Accounts Chamber.

16 Transform school lunches into a real “hot” and nutritious meal for children. The Ministry of Education has developed coordination work with international agencies, such as PAM, CARE International and FAO. The ME has already carried out observation and monitoring actions in schools at national and municipal level, to collect information on the implementation of the School Lunch Program. Between the months of July and September, the Government continued training activities and distribution of Implementation Guides to school Directors, Coordinators and Program Management Teams. In the last quarter, schools were also identified whose kitchen facilities, bathrooms and access to drinking water are in poor condition, accelerating the process of distributing support material.

17 Improve the conditions of assistance and treatment for disabled people at the National Rehabilitation Center and, in the future, create similar centers in all municipalities. The Government established the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, including its Secretariat. An audit of the National Rehabilitation Center was carried out by the MSSI Inspection and Audit Office, which led to the dismissal of the Director and Deputy Directors of the National Rehabilitation Center. A new Directorate was appointed, with the aim of effectively promoting the rehabilitation of people with disabilities.

18 Carry out a survey of the main needs for road maintenance and normalization of rivers banks across the country, with urgent rehabilitation works to begin next year. The Ministry of Public Works, based on the Prime Minister's order no. 002/PM/ VII/2023, carried out a technical survey of data regarding the condition of infrastructures that suffered damage and required urgent repair. Infrastructures were identified, in terms of roads, protection walls and stream normalization in need of urgent work in eight municipalities. It is estimated that the work will be completed by December 2023.