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POLITICAL UPDATES

President Announces Date for Early Parliamentary Elections

The President of the Republic has announced to conduct the elections for the National Parliament on 12th May 2018. Election date was announced after the President on 26th January issued a decree to dissolve the National Parliament after no consensus was reached between the political parties to agree on the new Government Program and the State Budget.

The electoral law on the elections to the National Parliament will be for 65 members chamber in one single national constituency, through a closed and blocked-list proportional representation system. The elections will be conducted in all 12 municipalities, Authority for Special Administrative Region of Oe-Cusse (RAEOA) and out of country in Australia, Republic of Korea, Portugal and the UK. Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE) will prepare an electoral calendar which will be the basis for the conduct of each activity until the results are declared by the Supreme Court of Justice.



UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN is supporting the Election Management Bodies- National Commission for Elections (CNE) and STAE in the execution of all electoral activities specially in the field of electoral legal framework, civic and voter education, institutional strengthening and capacity building, voter registration and election results management.

Minister of State Administration Inaugurates Preparation Event for the 2018 Parliamentary Elections



Minister of State Administration Dr. Valentim Ximenes inaugurates joint-coordination meeting for the preparation of 2018 parliamentary elections on 22nd February in Dili. Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE) facilitated the meeting with security offices, President of Municipalities, Municipal Level Voter Education Directors, Brigadas (Polling officers) of Dili Municipality and National Electoral Commission (CNE).



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The meeting was the first event of STAE after the release of operational calendar for elections. There were 140 participants out of which 60 were women who were informed on the importance of this election to the previous elections and subsequently on electoral legal framework, operational calendar, voter registration, planning for logistic arrangements and voting centres. UNDP Electoral Project supported this event with the financial contribution from Government of Japan and Korea.



CNE Convenes Conference on Democracy- Achievements and Challenges

A conference on “Democracy in Timor-Leste: Achievements and Challenges” was organized by National Commission for Elections (CNE) on 26th January in Dili with the support from UNDP Electoral Project- LEARN. The conference is organized as part of project’s assistance to the Election Management Body (EMB) for institutional strengthening.



The President of Republic who could not be present in the conference, through his message commended CNE on continuously developing initiatives to promote enlightenment and training on the relationship between democratic rights, the duties of citizens and the functioning of the electoral system. He further stated that this conference is held at the right time when there is political uncertainty in the country and the functioning of democracy and participation of citizens are the ultimate goal of transforming dignity into a tool for social development.

perspective to ensure Timor-Leste’s governance; Concept of Peace national unity in ensuring the stability of governance in Timor-Leste.

The President of CNE, Dr. Alcino Baris reiterated that this initiative was necessary to inspire the efforts of CNE in consolidation of governance and democracy for securing the rights and principles as proclaimed in the Constitution of the Republic.

The Conference convened several sessions on- Rights of the political parties and their obligations; Legal



RDTL and UNDP signs agreement to procure indelible ink for parliamentary elections

Minister of State Administration Dr. Valentim Ximenes and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Country Director, Mr. Claudio Providas signed an agreement today for the procurement of indelible ink for the early parliamentary elections going to be held on 12th May 2018. The date for the early parliamentary elections was recently announced by the President of the Republic through a presidential decree. UNDP through this agreement will procure 4000 bottles of indelible ink with 25% silver nitrate and hand over to the Technical Secretariat of Electoral Administration (STAE) responsible for management and administration of elections in Timor-Leste. The indelible ink is a sensitive material used in elections that is an effective security feature to prevent electoral fraud such as multiple voting. It is not possible for a voter to remove it quickly. In Timor-Leste, each voter after casting their ballot, applies the ink on its index finger while exiting the polling station.

The agreement between the government and UNDP was reached because of the experience of UNDP procuring indelible ink since 1999 and recently 9000

bottles for the national elections in 2017. It is because of the trust in UNDP process, the government has decided to request UNDP for the procurement of ink. Minister of State Administration is highly convinced that the process would be transparent and quality of the ink would be as according to the pre-requisite standard. Mr. Providas has thanked the government for entrusting UNDP in such an important period and assures to fulfill the expectation of the government.



'EMBs convenes meeting with Diplomatic Corps on Early Elections'

After the announcement of early Parliamentary Elections by the President of Republic, the Election Management Bodies of Timor-Leste- CNE and STAE on 5th February convened a meeting with the diplomatic community in the country. The meeting was held to provide information and updates on the progress made towards the preparation for early parliamentary elections and also seek support when necessary during the implementation phase.

The EMBs during the meeting highly appreciated UNDP, Government of Japan and Korea providing extensive technical support in the previous Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in 2017. Most of the ambassadors attending the meeting pledged their support for the elections to the EMBs. The meeting was co-chaired by Resident Coordinator a.i. of UN, President of CNE, Vice-Minister of State Administration, Resident Representative of UNDP and Director General of STAE.



CALENDAR FOR THE EARLY NATIONAL PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS 2018

(Unofficial Translation)

The Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE), under the provisions of article 18 of the Electoral Law for the National Parliament, no. 6/2006 of 28 December, in the version of the fourth and last amendment, Law no. 9/2017, of 5 May and taking into account the Decree of the President of the Republic No. 07/2018, dated February 7, which marked May 12, 2018 as the date of the election to the National Parliament, comes now PUBLISH the Operations Calendar for the election of the National Parliament of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste:

Event	Legal Basis Law No.7/2006	Date	Remarks	
SCHEDULING OF ELECTIONS				
1	The President schedules by decree the election date.	Art. 17, No. 1	20 th February 2018 (Tuesday)	80 days before the election
2	STAE publicizes the Calendar for Electoral Operations in Jornal da República (Gazette)	Art. 18 and Law No. 1/2002	Until 28 th February 2018 (Wednesday)	Within 8 days after entry into force of the presidential decree marking the election
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDACIES AND APPEALS				
3	Formation of coalitions of political parties	Art 20, No. 2	12 th March 2018 (Monday)	Within 20 days after the publication of the presidential decree
4	STAE publishes notice in Jornal da República (Gazette) on existing Party coalitions	Art 20 No. 3	-	Depending on the date of communication of the formation of coalitions to CNE and STAE
5	Submission of the list of candidacies to the President of the Supreme Court of Justice	Art. 22	Until 22 nd March 2018 (Thursday)	Within 30 days after the publication of the presidential decree
6	The Court of Appeal verifies the legitimacy of the process as well as the authenticity of the documents and the eligibility of the candidates.	Art. 23	Until 1 st April 2018 (Sunday)	Within ten days after the deadline of receiving the documents
7	The Court of Appeal decides on the admission of candidacies.	Art. 24, No. 1	Until 2 nd April 2018 (Monday)	Within one day after the publication of the decision of candidates' admission
8	Deadline for giving decision on appeals concerning the admission of candidates	Art. 24 No. 3	Within 4 th April 2018 (Wednesday)	The appeals are decided the STJ / Court of Appeal no later than two days after the deadline of submission
9	Draw of political parties submitted for ordering on ballot papers	Art 25. No. 1	From 3 rd April (Tuesday) to 5 th April 2018 (Thursday)	Depending on the presentation or not of appeals on the decision of admission of candidacies. The result of the draw affixed at the door of the Supreme Court of Justice and sent to CNE and STAE.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POLLING CENTRES AND POLLING STATIONS				
10	STAE announces the number, list and location of polling stations and polling centres	Art. 32, No. 4	12 th April 2018 (Thursday)	Within 30 days before the election date
11	Identification of polling centres in the voter's ID card where a voter should exercise his/her rights		From 30 th April 2018 (Monday) to 10 th May 2018 (Thursday)	
ELECTION CAMPAIGN				
12	Election Campaign period	Art. 28	From 10 th April 2018 (Tuesday) To 9 th May 2018 (Wednesday)	Duration for 30 days and ends 2 days before the election day
ELECTION AND RESULT TABULATION				
13	Election Day (07:00 hours to 15:00 hours)	Art 33	12 th May 2018 (Saturday)	Abroad takes at local time
14	Beginning of counting of votes in polling stations and sending ballot boxes to municipal / regional tabulation centre	Art. 46	12 th May 2018 (Saturday)	To begin right after the closure of voting process
15	Municipal/regional tabulation of results and dispatch of the electoral roll and other elements (claimed and complaints ballots) for CNE	Art. 47	From 12 th May 2018 (Saturday) to 14 th May 2018	Sending to CNE up to 2 days from the date of election, with a copy to STAE
16	Final tabulation of national results (CNE)	Art 48	From 14 th May 2018 (Monday) to 17 th May 2018 (Thursday)	72 hours
17	The CNE releases the minutes of the provisional national results	Art. 48	From 17 th May 2018 (Thursday) to 20 th May 2018	With a copy to STAE and the information agencies
18	Time limit for bringing an appeal against the provisional national results to the Court of Appeal	Art. 49	Until 22 nd May 2018 (Tuesday)	To be filed within 48 hours of the publication of the provisional minutes of the results
19	The Court of Appeal decides on the appeals	Art. 49	Until 24 th May 2018 (Thursday)	Decides in 48 hours
20	The CNE will report the results to the Court of Appeal if there is no appeal	Art. 49	Until 23 rd May 2018 (Thursday)	After expiry of the period for appeal
21	The Court of Appeal examines the documentation sent by the CNE, validates the results and proclaims the results	Art. 50	26 th May 2018 (Saturday) To 27 th May 2018 (Sunday)	72 hours from the date of receipt of documentation
22	Publication of the results in Jornal da Republica (Gazette) based on the Court of Appeal's decision	Art. 50	7 th August 2017 (Monday)	

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