5 TH AMENDMENT TO GOVERNMENT ORGANIC LAW

Considering that, from the beginning of this Government, the Ministry of Justice has had a minimum governing structure, limited only to the respective minister, which places enormous demands in terms of workload;

Considering also the recent approval, by the Council of Ministers, of the Strategic Plan for the Justice Sector, which will entails an increase in the volume of activities of the Ministry and, consequently, of matters to which the Government shall have to pay attention in this area of activity;

It is the understanding of the Council of Ministers to strengthen the political capacity of the Ministry of Justice by creating a post of Deputy-Minister of Justice to support the Minister in the management of routine activities.

Thus,

Pursuant to article 115.3 of the Constitution of the Republic, the Government enacts the following to have the force of law:

Article 1
Amendment

Articles 4 and 22 of Decree-Law no. 7/2007, of 5 September, as amended by Decree-Laws nos. 5/2008, of 5 March, 26/2008, of 23 July, 3/2008, of 22 October, and 14/2009, of 4 March, which approved the organic law of the IV Constitutional Government, shall now read as follows:

“Article 4
Composition of the Government

1. […]:

a) […]
b) […]
c) [...];

d) [...];

e) [...];

f) [...];

g) [...];

h) [...].

2. [...];

a) [...];

b) [...];

c) [...];

d) The Minister of Justice, the Deputy-Minister of Justice;

e) [former subparagraph d)];

f) [former subparagraph e)];

g) [former subparagraph f)];

h) [former subparagraph g)];

i) [former subparagraph h)];

j) [former subparagraph i)];

k) [former subparagraph j)];

l) [former subparagraph k]);

Article 22
Ministry of Justice
1. […]:
   a) […];
   b) […];
   c) […];
   d) […];
   e) […];
   f) […];
   g) […];
   h) […];
   i) […];
   j) […].

2. […].

3. […].

4. The Minister of Justice may delegate to the Deputy-Minister powers relating to the organs and services falling under his or her competences.”

   Article 2
   Entry into force

This statute shall enter into force on the day immediately after its publications.

Approved by the Council of Ministers of 4 August 2010.

The Prime Minister,
Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão

Promulgated on 5 August 2010

For publication.

The President of the Republic,

José Ramos-Horta