

**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE**  
**IV CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT**

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**DECREE-LAW 5/2008**  
**OF**

**AMENDING THE GOVERNMENT ORGANIC LAW**

The IV Government has decided to undertake a specific review of a few aspects of its Organic Law which showed to be requiring clarification.

In this regard, the competencies of the Secretary of State for the Council of the Ministers insofar as the media sector is concerned are specifically amended; the competencies of the Ministry for Economy and Development and the Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries insofar as the management of natural parks is concerned are specifically clarified; and the remuneratory levels of the senior management of the Defense Force and Security in the framework of the Ministry of Defense and Security and the Intelligence Service are established on a transitional basis until such time as their respective statutes are regulated.

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 to Decree-Law No. 7/2007 of 5 September**

1. Subparagraph l) of article 12.2 shall now read as follows:
  - 1) Propose the policy and prepare the draft regulations necessary to the media sector in general, and exercise tutorship over media bodies belonging to the State;
2. Subparagraphs k) and l) of article 26.1 shall now read as follows:

k) “Ensure, in general terms and in terms of environmental licensing, the adoption and monitoring of preventive measures and integrated control of pollution by the relevant facilities;

l) Ensure the protection and conservation of nature and biodiversity by supervising the implementation of the policy and by monitoring activities against the integrity of National Fauna and Flora, in collaboration with the relevant entities;”

3. Article 31 of Decree-Law No. 7/2007 of 5 September shall now read as follows:

### **“Article 31 Equivalences**

1. For remuneration purposes, the Chief of General Staff of the Defense Force, the General Commander of PNTL, and the person responsible for the State Intelligence Service shall be equiparable to a Minister.

2. For remuneration purposes, the Chief of Staff of the Defense Force and the Deputy-Commanders of the General Commander of PNTL shall be equiparable to a Secretary of State.

4. A new subparagraph q) is introduced in article 30.1 to read as follows:

q) “To manage National Parks and Protected Areas”.

### **Article 2 Entry into force**

The present statute enters into force on the day immediately after its publication.

Approved by the Council of Ministers on 13 February 2008

The Prime Minister,

Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão [signed]

Enacted on 28 February 2008

For publication

The acting President of the Republic,

Fernando La sama de Araújo [signed]