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Creates the 2010 Census Coordination Commission

Rigorous knowledge of the number of citizens and of the basic necessities common to all areas of society (education; employment and vocational training; social security and health; future housing and transportation policies) is essential to all sectors of Timorese society and, in particular, to a responsible Government which must also consider that the impacts of its policies have indiscriminate repercussions on all men, women and children.

The purpose of the 2010 General Population and General Housing Census/2010 Population and Housing Census is to count and characterise the population residing in the country, and to survey housing accommodations and the types of associated habitability conditions, as regards families, through the exhaustive collection of information and data via surveying and statistical processing activities.

To this end, the involvement of all public services from direct and indirect administration is necessary and essential, being vital that the responsibilities for their performance be defined, namely by designating the participating entities that will prepare, guide, coordinate and monitor the entire process.

Now, therefore, the Government hereby resolves the following, pursuant to the terms of Article 115 (3) of the Constitution:

1. To propose to the National Parliament that the 2010 General Population and General Housing Census, hereinafter called "2010 Census", be performed.
2. The 2010 Census shall be held across the entire national territory, on a date to be determined.
3. To create the 2010 Census Coordination Commission, hereinafter called "Commission", aimed at coordinating and monitoring the entire process of organising, executing and completing the 2010 Census.
4. The Commission shall have the following responsibilities:
 - a) To provide political guidance for the 2010 Census project;
 - b) To prepare the legislative measures required to carry out the 2010 Census;
 - c) To propose the creation of technical support structures;
 - d) To prepare the overall census programme;
 - e) To promote financing and the recruitment of human resources to be allocated to the 2010 Census;
 - f) To request cooperation from all areas of the Government in carrying out this Census;
 - g) To provide administrative and logistical support to the 2010 Census, and to develop public awareness activities for the 2010 Census;
 - h) To provide support to the National Statistics Directorate;
 - i) To disseminate the 2010 Census in the media.

5. The Commission shall be comprised of one presiding representative of the Prime Minister, by representatives of the Minister of Finance, Minister of Justice, Minister of Education, Minister of State Administration and Minister of Welfare, and by representatives of development partners.

6. The Commission shall submit to the Government, within a maximum of one month, the legislative measures required to carry out the 2010 Census.

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The Prime Minister

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