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### **The Anti-Corruption Commission propose a proposal to set up a Roundtable on the National Strategic Plan to combat corruption**

The Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission (KAK), Adérito de Jesus, submitted a proposal to the National Parliament to establish a Roundtable as part of the process of preparing a National Strategic Plan to combat corruption. The participants in the Roundtable will come from institutions or competent bodies including civil society and the church to provide their strong input as part of the process of preparing a National Strategic Plan to combat corruption. This proposal was submitted on 5 September 2012 in the first meeting between KAK and Committee A of the National Parliament.

*“JSMP highly values this initiative as it is very relevant, because the issue of corruption is complex and extremely serious, and requires commitment and collective efforts to combat the practice of corruption and strengthen good and clean governance in Timor-Leste”,* said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

At this opportunity the Commissioner described the progress that KAK has made during the last two years, including capacity building programs for five investigators as part of their preparation as well as the recruitment of five additional investigators in 2012. In the future KAK will continue to focus on capacity building and the strengthening of international coordination relationships such as comparative studies. In addition, at the national level KAK will continue to strengthen its coordination with the Public Prosecution Service, the Office of the Ombudsman and PNTL.

JSMP believes that the policy to combat corruption is a commitment from all national entities to uphold and guarantee clean and respectable governance. Therefore, it is important for the nation to start as early as possible to take solid steps in combatting corruption in order to prevent the impact of corruption from undermining the economic system, increasing poverty, and increasing the rate of criminality, bureaucratic collapse, damage to the political system and the functioning of the government, all of which will have serious impact on the growth of democracy in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

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