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**JSMP conducts formal ceremony to deploy observers to selected municipalities to observe the 2018 early elections**

On 09 May 2018 JSMP conducted a formal ceremony to send its observers to the municipalities to observe the Early Elections on 12 May 2018. JSMP will be observing the municipalities of Aileu, Dili, Ermera, Liquica and Covalima.

The aim of this monitoring is to ensure that the electoral process is conducted in a transparent, impartial, credible, fair and accountable manner, and in particular, with full observance of constitutional and legal requirements. Elected organs of sovereignty shall be chosen by free, direct, secret, personal and regular universal suffrage as provided for in Article 65.1 of the Constitution on Elections, as well as the electoral laws.

“The Early Parliamentary Elections on 12 May 2018 are a last resort and based on a legitimate political decision made at the highest level whereby the entire population will provide a solution to the political impasse that emerged after the 2017 parliamentary elections”, said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

JSMP recommends and encourages all citizens who are old enough to vote in accordance with the law to exercise their political right and vote in order to contribute towards national stability and protect the national interest. JSMP also requests for all political parties to be ready to fully accept the results of the election which is an expression of the will of the people.

Timor-Leste has achieved success in the past through its national electoral organizations and the international community has praised these achievements. Therefore the people of Timor-Leste should feel proud and should continue to maintain these achievements to strengthen peace in Timor-Leste and set a good example for other countries around the globe.

The observers are JSMP staff and students from the Faculty of Law and International Relations from the University of Peace (UNPAZ) and also the Dili Institute of Technology (DIT). There are 23 observers comprising 8 JSMP staff members and 15 university students.

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