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**National Seminar on protecting women’s rights from the perspective of the
Timor-Leste legal framework**

On 15 December 2015 the Judicial System Monitoring Programme (JSMP), through its Women’s and Children’s Justice Unit (WCJU), will hold a national seminar on the topic of “Protecting Women’s Rights from the perspective of the Timor-Leste legal framework”.

The speakers at this seminar will include the President of the National Parliament’s Women’s Caucus (GMPTL), the Dean of the UNTL Faculty of Law, and the Dean of the UNDIL Faculty of Law.

“To ensure adequate and effective protection for women, there needs to be a collective effort from all people and the relevant institutions in order to contribute to the consistent development of women in accordance with the applicable legal framework,” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

Based on JSMP monitoring, relatively speaking Timor-Leste currently has an adequate legal framework to deal with crimes of gender based violence and to protect the rights of victims of gender based violence. This legal framework encompasses the Constitution and international conventions that have been ratified by Timor-Leste as well as other national laws. Nevertheless, in reality, many women still face a variety of obstacles in accessing their rights to this protection.

Therefore, JSMP would like to involve academic institutions in the articulation of academic perspectives as well as hearing the political viewpoint of the National Parliament relating to the existing legal framework in order to guarantee that this legal framework truly protects women.

This seminar is being held with the aim of raising the understanding of university students about women’s rights in accordance with the existing legal framework, and to identify the types of protection provided for women’s rights in this framework that provides simple and prompt protection, as well as providing information to university students so they can recognize equal rights between women and men as set out in the Constitution.

The participants in this seminar will include university students from the Faculty of Law, civil society, the police, VPU, relevant institutions and the media.

This program will be held with the financial support from the Norwegian Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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