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## **JSMP praises the initiative of Committee A for preparing a six-month calendar outlining the work of the Committee in 2021**

Committee A of the National Parliament held a meeting on 6 January 2021 that was presided over by the President of Committee A, His Excellency MP Joaquim dos Santos, and approved a Public Prosecution Service opinion request, and the Committee also considered a six-month calendar starting in January and ending on 14 July 2021 before the end of the third legislative session.

According to this calendar, Committee A will give priority to finalizing opinions on draft laws such as the Law on Local Power and Administrative Decentralization, Municipal Elections Law, Draft Law No. 10/V (2<sup>nd</sup>) Legislative Authorization to the Government to Amend the Civil Code, Draft Law No. 11/V (2<sup>nd</sup>) Approving the Judicial Regime for Voluntary Arbitration, and will proceed with the first amendment to the Civil Procedure Code and Draft Law No. 15/V (2<sup>nd</sup>) Legislative Authorization to the Government regarding the amendment of the General Basis for the Organization of Public Administration.

“JSMP praises Committee A for using its initiative to prepare a work calendar that will facilitate the work of the Committee and enable it to work better and more effectively, especially to accelerate the legislative process regarding important laws and top priorities as outlined in the calendar,” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Ms. Ana Paula Marçal.

Committee A will also conduct other regular activities and will also continue to have public consultations with relevant entities such as a group of journalist petitioners, removing the immunity of members of parliament, the discussion and approval of written opinions, meeting with MP claimants in relation to a case of insults exchanged by members of parliament in the National Parliament, joint meetings with Committee B and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on a draft resolution submitted by the National Parliament regarding Timor-Leste’s accession to the New York Convention on the Execution of Arbitral Awards, meeting with the Coordinator of ANED-TL, and the Advisors to Committee A will also be involved in briefing Committee A MPs about Local Power and Municipal Elections.

In addition, Committee A will also hold public consultations regarding the Law on Local Power and Administrative Decentralization and the Municipal Elections Law with local authorities such as the presidents of authorities, administrators of municipalities and administrative posts, village chiefs, political parties, religious leaders including civil society and relevant entities in the municipalities such as Ainaro, Manufahi, Viqueque, Lautem, Baucau, Manatuto, Dili and the Special Administrative Region of Oecusse-Ambeno.

According to information provided by the President of Committee A during a meeting of Committee A, this calendar will update activities when changes take place in accordance with the requirements of Committee A.

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