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JSMP requests that inflammatory and provocative speeches be avoided during the second round of the presidential election campaign

The second round of the presidential election campaign started on 2 April and will continue until 16 April because during the first round of the presidential election no candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes (50+1). Therefore, the candidates that received the first and second highest number of votes will move on to the second round of the election. The candidates are Jose Ramos Horta with number 14 on the ballot paper who obtained the highest number of votes of almost 47% and Francisco Guterres Lu'Olo with number 6 on the ballot paper who obtained the second highest number of votes of 22%.

During the first and second rounds of the election JSMP has carried out observations, both directly and indirectly. Based on these observations it is apparent that during the election campaign some speeches could be construed as inflammatory and provocative which could trigger problems and confrontation between supporters and the public in general. Most of these statements related to problems or crises that occurred in the past.

“JSMP believes that the main objective of the electoral campaign is for the candidates to convince the voters by presenting the programs they will implement if they are elected as President of the Republic, not to make speeches that are inflammatory and provoke supporters to create problems and lead to confrontations with the supporters of other candidates. Therefore, it is recommended that during the second round of the electoral campaign and during other electoral campaigns in the future, inflammatory and provocative speeches should be avoided, and the candidates should only focus on the programs that they will implement if elected as the President Of The Republic,” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Ana Paula Marçal.

In addition to these speeches, JSMP also discovered that during the campaign children were involved who were wearing insignia of the candidates and parties. JSMP notes that the parents of the children or the candidates did not take any action to prevent

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children from being involved in these campaigns. Therefore, JSMP recommends that children should not be involved in future campaigns.

According to the schedule, the second round of the presidential elections will take place on 19 April 2022. The candidate Jose Ramos Horta is listed as number 1 on the ballot paper and Francisco Guterres Lu'Olo is listed as number 2.

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