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**JSMP applauds Members of Parliament for using their initiative to submit a resolution for preventative measures in cases involving infanticide and the neglect of babies and children**

JSMP applauds the initiative and good will of MPs who drafted and submitted Draft Resolution No. 59/V (3a) to the Chair of the National Parliament for discussion and approval, which recommends for the Government to adopt preventative measures in cases involving infanticide and the neglect of babies and children.

“JSMP applauds the recommendations in this resolution and considers them to be crucial, therefore JSMP urges members of parliament to prioritise and accelerate the discussion and approval of this resolution,” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Ms. Ana Paula Marçal.

To date many JSMP reports have made recommendations for the Public Prosecution Service and the courts to consider and apply sentences aimed at protecting women. This means that in such cases not only women should be charged, but rather it is necessary to investigate other perpetrators involved. In addition, JSMP also recommends for the State to establish conditions for women who have unplanned pregnancies, because they are also victims of the irresponsible actions of men\*.

The crime of infanticide is a serious crime; therefore, it is necessary to have appropriate mechanisms to prevent the crime of infanticide and save the lives of babies during childbirth or after childbirth. This protection requires the collaboration of all entities, namely the Government, the community, and especially the family, to deter such crimes.

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\* [https://jsmp.tl/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/JusticeUpdateKrimelInvantisidio\\_Tetum.pdf](https://jsmp.tl/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/JusticeUpdateKrimelInvantisidio_Tetum.pdf)

This resolution is scheduled to be discussed in the plenary on Monday, 26 October 2020.

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