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International Children's Day
JSMP continues to demand for Committee F of the National Parliament to
accelerate the Law on Protection for Children and Young Persons who are in
Danger

Each year on 1 June countries around the entire world commemorate international children's day. On this day countries around the world show their respect to the rights of the child, including the right to life, justice, education, health and other rights.

The reality in Timor-Leste is that many children are still subject to acts of discrimination regarding their rights to access justice, education, health and also to live free from any form of violence.

Based on this reality JSMP continues to demand for Committee F to accelerate the Law on Protection for Children and Young Persons who are in Danger which is now the subject of specific discussion by Committee F of the National Parliament.

"In relation to the commemoration of international children's day, JSMP continues to demand for Committee F to speed up or accelerate the Draft Law on Protection for Children and Young Persons who are in Danger, so that children can enjoy their fundamental rights that are recognized universally and to provide them with both special protection and social protection," said Ms. Ana Paula Marçal, Executive Director of JSMP.

The State and relevant parties are obliged to ensure that children can enjoy their rights, namely to receive protection and to enjoy their rights and their fundamental guarantees which are pragmatic constitutional norms.

If the State, through its competent organs, does not create legislative or administrative measures or other relevant measures to facilitate the exercise of these fundamental rights, freedoms and guarantees, then the actions of the State could be categorised as unconstitutionality by omission as set out in the provisions of Article 151 of the C-RDTL.

Therefore, the creation of this law is important, realistic and a priority, and it is important that this law does not deviate from the general norms or principles enshrined in the

International Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Timor-Leste Constitution, to avoid any gaps or the creation of multiple laws that in the end could cause confusion or conflict in their implementation.

in relation to this draft law, last year Committee F also invited JSMP to hear JSMP's thoughts and observations about children's access to justice. Also in July 2021 JSMP submitted an opinion to Committee F entitled: Draft Law No. 29/V/(3rd) Law on Protection for Children and Young Persons who are in Danger which was submitted to Committee F, National Parliament-July-2021, link : https://jsmp.tl/wp-content/uploads/Paraser-Lei-Protesaun-ba-Labarik-husi-JSMP-Jullu-2021_TETUM.pdf

JSMP also wishes to congratulate all children around the world, especially children in Timor-Leste who are commemorating this special day for children and hopes that the commemoration of International Children's Day will enable everyone to fight against all types of violence and discrimination against all children in Timor-Leste and to continue to secure all children's rights.

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