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## **JSMP requests for all members of parliament to work together with the new structure of the Chair of the Parliament to ensure the functioning of the National Parliament**

JSMP requests for all members of parliament to work together with the new structure of the Chair of the National Parliament to ensure the normal functioning of the National Parliament, and in particular to give priority to important laws that are still pending.

“Members of parliament need to work together to ensure the normal functioning of this organ. This will further enhance the productivity of the Parliament, especially by giving priority to important laws that are still pending, in particular the Law Against Corruption, Law on a Bar Association and Law on Local Power and Administrative Decentralization and also the Electoral Law for Municipal Assemblies,” said Ana Paula Marçal, Executive Director of JSMP.

On 19 May 2020 the National Parliament voted and elected His Excellency MP Aniceto Guterres Lopes as the President of the National Parliament to remove His Excellency MP Arão Noé de Jesus da Costa Amaral with 40 votes in favor from Fretilin, PLP, Khunto and PD. Meanwhile members of parliament from CNRT, PUDD and UDT/FM did not participate in the voting process.

To establish the new structure of the Chair of the National Parliament, on 2 June 2020 the National Parliament elected a new Secretary and Deputy Secretary to the Chair of the National Parliament that was previously led by the CNRT and UDT/FM parties. MP Lidia Norberta from the Fretilin Party was elected as Secretary to the new Chair and MP António Nobre Tilman from the KHUNTO party was elected as Deputy Secretary and Regina Freitas from the PLP party continued on as the second Deputy Secretary.

JSMP hopes that this new structure can continue to promote public participation in the law-making process, and specifically the participation of civil society in this process, just like previous years. JSMP also praises the National Parliament for continuing to promote gender equality through the composition of the Chair of the Parliament and the new structure in the Specialised Committees.

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