



UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator**Inter-Agency Standing Committee Timor-Leste**

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Time: 11.30 hoursLocations: UNMIT Conference Room C

Summary**1. Political Update**

UNMIT Political Affairs Section

- UNMIT Political Affairs Section reported that on 3 March 2009, Prosecutor-General announced 28 suspects who were directly involved in the 11 February 2008 assassination against PR and PM. The report on this matter has been submitted to the Court of Appeal.
- On 3 March, President and PM have agreed with the nomination of Fretilin MP Ana Pessoa to replace Longinhos Monteiro and Monteiro moves to PNTL General Commander
- On 4 March, Council of Ministries appointed Alkatiri as Special Envoy to Guinea Bissau to represent Timor-Leste to show our condolence to the President of Guinea Bissau and to explore possibilities for technical assistance for reconciliation and stabilization in Guinea-Bissau, in coordination with the CPLP countries. It seems that in this appointment both AMP and opposition party will cooperate closely for the country's national interest.
- On 5 March, it's reported that the President of Republic already sworn Mario Viegas Carrascalao of PSD as Deputy Prime Minister II who will be in charge of administration and corruption issues. Jose Carrascalao of ASDT to be Vice Minister of Infrastructure and Cristiano da Costa of UNDERTIM to be Vice Minister of Economy and Development.
- It is proposed by the Government that the village council election should be done in one day.
- Some participants asked about Chega Report. Specifically regarding whether someone knows anything about Chega Report. It has been responded by UNMIT Political Affairs Unit that Fernanda Borges, the President of Committee A wants to table a discussion in the plenary.

2. Proposed amendment of the IASCTL ToR by Finn Reske-Nielsen

- The IASCTL Terms of Reference were adopted at the las HCC meeting, and thus lead to the convening of this first IASCTL meeting. However, the HC submitted a proposal to slightly amend those ToRs to introduce the notion of NGO Co-Chair instead of Deputy Chair in order to foster better equality between NGOs and the UN.
- The changes were presented to the IASCTL members, and were accepted. Therefore, the IASCTL will be co-chaired by the UN Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) and an INGO elected

representative. In the absence of the HC, the Acting HC will co-chair the meeting with the INGO elected representative or his/her acting in his/her absence.

- NGO representative welcomed the amendments and the IASCTL TORs were formally adopted.

3. Membership of the IASCTL - call for membership application

- The HC suggested that all original HCC members be de facto part of the IASCTL membership. A call for new applicants will also be done through a letter which will be sent out to all humanitarian partners on the ground. It was agreed that the call would be done once the ICCG ToR are endorsed by the Government of Timor-Leste.

4. Deadline for all Cluster ToRs to be finalized

- According to the milestones set a few months ago, it was agreed that the Cluster ToR would be finalized by 20 March. However, the HC appreciated that some of the Clusters needed additional time to fine tune their ToRs but hoped that they would be finalized shortly.

5. Announcement: cancellation of the launch of the Cluster Approach on 26 March

- A formal launch of the Cluster Roll-out in Timor-Leste was initially scheduled for 25 March. However, both the Minister for Social Solidarity and the SoS SAND will be out of the country at that time. Furthermore, the Government is currently rather busy with the TLDPM taking place at the beginning of April. It was therefore suggested to cancel the launch and organize a more practical event instead, such as a contingency planning workshop.
- The Cluster Approach will however be socialized to the Government of Timor-Leste at all levels. A presentation will be prepared by the Humanitarian Coordination Unit in this regard, who will gather inputs from the Cluster Focal Points, and will be widely disseminated following its presentation to the Vice Prime Minister.
- All participants welcomed the idea of a contingency planning workshop to be held later in the year.