



FRENTE REVOLUCIONÁRIA DO TIMOR-LESTE INDEPENDENTE
FRETILIN

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Declaration in relation to formation of new government

The National Political Commission of FRETILIN, a political executive organ of the party, today had a meeting to clarify the party's position in respect of President Jose Ramos Horta's decision to invite CNRT, the second most voted party in the 30 June parliamentary elections, and its political allies to form government.

FRETILIN always sought a rational and reasonable interpretation of the message delivered by the electorate once the results of the parliamentary elections were formally certified by the Court of Appeal. The certification by the Court of Appeal confirmed that FRETILIN was the most voted party. As a result, FRETILIN decided to propose a Government of Grand Inclusion, a proposal which was supported by the President of the Republic.

FRETILIN, once again, having analysed the result of the parliamentary elections and the message delivered by the electorate, lends its support to the proposal to have a Government of Grand Inclusion. The party continues to maintain its position that the Prime Minister must be designated by FRETILIN, the most voted party following the 30 June parliamentary elections in accordance with articles 85(e) and 106 of the Constitution of the Republic of Timor-Leste.

Faced with the intransigence of CNRT and its political allies, and taking into consideration the aim and purpose of a Government of Grand Inclusion, FRETILIN indicated to the President its willingness to appoint a political independent to become Prime Minister. The proposal to have an independent Prime Minister was also rejected by CNRT and its political allies.

In order to comply with articles 85(e) and 106 of the Constitution, the President must invite FRETILIN to form government. If FRETILIN's program is rejected twice by National Parliament, it is then possible for the President to invite the second most voted party to form government. However, this has not been the case and FRETILIN considers the decision of the President to invite CNRT and its political allies to form government unconstitutional. The decision of the President is also disrespectful of the expectations of the East Timorese electorate who have requested the political parties to work together to re-establish stability, the rule of law and the authority of the democratic state.

As a consequence of the President's decision, FRETILIN declares that it will not co-operate with a government that is unconstitutional. The party, conscience of its responsibilities, will do everything available to the party to raise awareness amongst the people so that they can combat through legal means the usurping of power, to contribute to the ending of violence and to re-establish law and order which will lead to peace and stability in Timor-Leste.

FRETILIN will initiate multiple actions within the law in order to ensure respect for the Constitution and the Laws of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and to restore the confidence of the people in the political system of our country.

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