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Minutes of the Meeting – Executive Committee (EXCO) Meeting

Date and Time	:	04/07/2023, 17:00 pm TLT
Venue	:	FFTL House, Campo Democracia, Av. Nuul Laran, Nu. 04, Bairro Formosa (GRICENFOR), Dili, Timor-Leste.
Meeting by	:	Members of the Executive Committee (EXCO)

MEETING ATTENDEES:

1. Francisco Martins da C. P. Jeronimo
2. Domingos Raul Falur
3. Engracia Pimentel Fernandes
4. Marito da C. Belo
5. Augusto Henrique
6. Henrique da Costa

AGENDA:

- Opening remarks
- Statement by the Vice-President (Domingos Raul Falur)
- Engagement with Affiliated Associations
- Conclusion and Decision Making

MEETING NOTES:

1. Opening remarks:

The meeting was called to order at 17:00 pm by the Vice-President as well as one of the Executive Committee (EXCO) Members. The attendees introduced themselves, and the agenda for the meeting was presented.



2. Statement by the Vice-President (Gen. Let. Domingos Raul Falur):

The Vice-President, Gen. Let. Domingos Raul Falur provided a statement regarding the recent congress held by the FFTL. He mentioned that certain associations, namely Dili Leste, Dili Oeste, and Referee, had participated in the congress with the intention to dismiss the President by manipulating the voting outcome and disregarding the advice of judicial entities.

3. Engagement with Affiliated Associations:

The Executive Committee (EXCO) Members had subsequent contact with several member associations, namely Covalima, Baucau, Viqueque, Women, and Futsal. These associations had initially supported the proposed alteration agenda during the congress but have now decided to reverse their stance and are against the alterations due to the following justification.

- **Football Association of Covalima:**

In response to the unclear and non-compliant agenda, the Football Association of Covalima cast a favorable vote for an amendment during the Congress. This action was justified by Article 31, which permits amendments to the agenda. Following a request from Mr. Francisco Jeronimo, President of the FFTL, the association members were consulted and reached a consensus to reintroduce the proposed amendments.

- **Football Association of Baucau:**

The Baucau Association expressed their trust in the current FFTL President's capabilities and believed that he can effectively guide and govern the FFTL for its development and progress.



- **Football Association of Viqueque:**

The Viqueque Association, along with the Covalima Association, was unaware that their vote in favor of the agenda alteration would inadvertently lend support to the associations with intentions to remove the President.

- **Women's Football Association:**

Due to an incident, Mrs. Judith Fatima dos Santos Pimentel, President of the Women's Football Association, was unable to attend the FFTL Congress. As a result, she delegated her voting authority to the Vice President, in alignment with the rights of the Women's Association. Prior to the start of the Congress, the President communicated a message to the Vice President, Mrs. Kota Diaz Ximenes, granting her the necessary competence. The Vice President duly presented the President's message to the assembly, where it was duly acknowledged and taken into consideration.

Following internal deliberations involving the President, Vice President, and members of the Executive Committee, the Women's Association ultimately decided to overturn their initial vote, changing it from in favor to against the proposed alteration of the agenda.

- **Futsal Association:**

The Futsal Association clarified that their vote to modify the agenda during the congress was solely for the purpose of addressing matters related to the association's subsidiary and the pending Futsal league. They had no intention of dismissing the President, and if they were aware of such a possibility, they would not have supported the agenda alteration.



The above justifications of the five (5) associations are declared by each Executive Member, namely:

- Mrs. Engracia Pimentel Fernandes made a statement representing the Women's Football Association;
- Mr. Augusto Henrique made a statement representing the Covalima Football Association;
- Mr. Marito da C. Belo made a declaration representing the Baucau Football Association;
- Mr. Henrique da Costa made a statement representing the Futsal Association;
- The Secretary-General of the Viqueque Football Association, Mr. Sr. Isaac Salsinha made a declaration of its changes after the Congress ended to the Secretary-General of FFTL.

4. Conclusion and Decision-Making:

In conclusion, the recent events surrounding the congress and the proposed alteration of the agenda within the FFTL (Football Federation of Timor-Leste) have highlighted the complexity of the situation. Certain associations, such as Dili Leste, Dili Oeste, and Referee, sought to dismiss the President by manipulating the voting outcome and disregarding the advice of judicial entities. However, after the congress, further engagement with affiliated associations revealed a shift in their positions. Associations including Covalima, Baucau, Viqueque, Women, and Futsal, which had initially supported the proposed agenda alteration, reconsidered their stance. The reasons provided by each association varied, with factors such as lack of knowledge, trust in the current President, unintended consequences, and internal deliberations playing a role in their decision-making process.



Overall, these five (5) associations had no intentions to alter the agenda for the dismissal of the actual president or tent to convene the extraordinary congress. These developments demonstrate the intricate dynamics at play within the FFTL and the significance of careful consideration and open dialogue in shaping its future.

The attendees discussed the developments presented during the meeting and acknowledged the complexity of the situation. After careful consideration, the following decisions were made:

Gen. Let. Domingos Raul Falur, the Vice-President of FFTL, firmly decided against the proposal to remove the FFTL president. He justified his decision by highlighting the unfounded nature of the proposal and reaffirmed his commitment to the position, which he and the president had accepted for a fixed term of four years. Gen. Let. Domingos Raul Falur firmly believes that the responsibility undertaken should not be abruptly terminated midway.

The Executive Committee (EXCO) Members decided to request assistance from FIFA and AFC to guide and offer valuable suggestions for further actions regarding this matter.

On the other hand, due to the abovementioned circumstances, Congress was unable to grant approval for the FFTL Statutory Audit and Financial Report 2022. As a result, Executive Committee (EXCO) kindly requests FIFA and AFC to release the second installment of FIFA Funds 2023 and AFC Enhance Member Association Funds. The EXCO has instructed the General Secretary to draft a letter requesting an exemption, which will be submitted to FIFA and AFC.

The meeting concluded at 19:52 pm, with the attendees expressing their commitment to working together in addressing the challenges and finding a suitable resolution for the FFTL.



The FFTL President, Francisco M. da C. P. Jerónimo adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by: **Mr. Gregorio Correia**

Minutes reviewed and approved by: **Executive Committee(EXCO).**

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be scheduled and communicated to the attendees in due course.


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(Figures 1 & 2, FFTL Executive Committee Meeting)