

## **IV Constitutional Government**

### **Ministry of Health**

*Office of the Ministry of Health*

#### **CIRCULAR N°5/2008/IVGC/MS**

#### **On the prohibition of smoking in the health facilities and the health premises**

Considering the commitment of the State of Timor-Leste on the Tobacco Control, in accordance with the Resolution of National Parliament N°13/2004, 29 December by which the parliament ratified the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC);

Taking into account point 2, article 8 of FCTC which is considered as the duty of the State of Timor-Leste;

#### **I, hereby, instruct that:**

1. From today, smoking or the use of any tobacco products is banned in:
  - a. All the health facilities such as hospitals, health centers and sanitary posts;
  - b. Health premises;
  - c. All vehicles that belong to the ministry of health.
2. No smoking in any training or meeting organized by the ministry of health at any places.
3. At all the above mentioned places, there shall be “NO SMOKING” signs or letters and they must be clearly posted so that everybody can see and observe.

Any health worker who does not comply with the instructions will be subjected to a disciplinary action from his/her hierarchical superior under the existing legislation.

All the health workers have the duty to persuade everybody particularly those who use the health facilities and at the health premises to comply with the above mentioned instructions as well.

Dili, 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2008, World No Tobacco Day

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