## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

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## THE STATUS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

#### **PREAMBLE**

Members of Parliament are officeholders of an organ of sovereignty and represent the entire people of Timor-Leste irrespective of the constituencies by which they have been elected. Consequently, Members of Parliament perform a function of paramount importance in the pluralistic and participatory Democracy, and distinguish themselves by the role they play and by the necessary powers and rights they hold, as well as by the

It is definitely imperative to guarantee the free exercise of their mandate and put conditions in place to enable Members of Parliament to carry out actions the legitimacy of which is grounded in the authority conferred upon them by the Constitution. the Law and the Rules of Procedure of the National Parliament.

Thus, with a view to protecting and guarding Members of Parliament from and against specific influences or interests of a professional or other nature, in order to guarantee a detached and independent exercise of their mandate, and pursuant to Sections 92 and

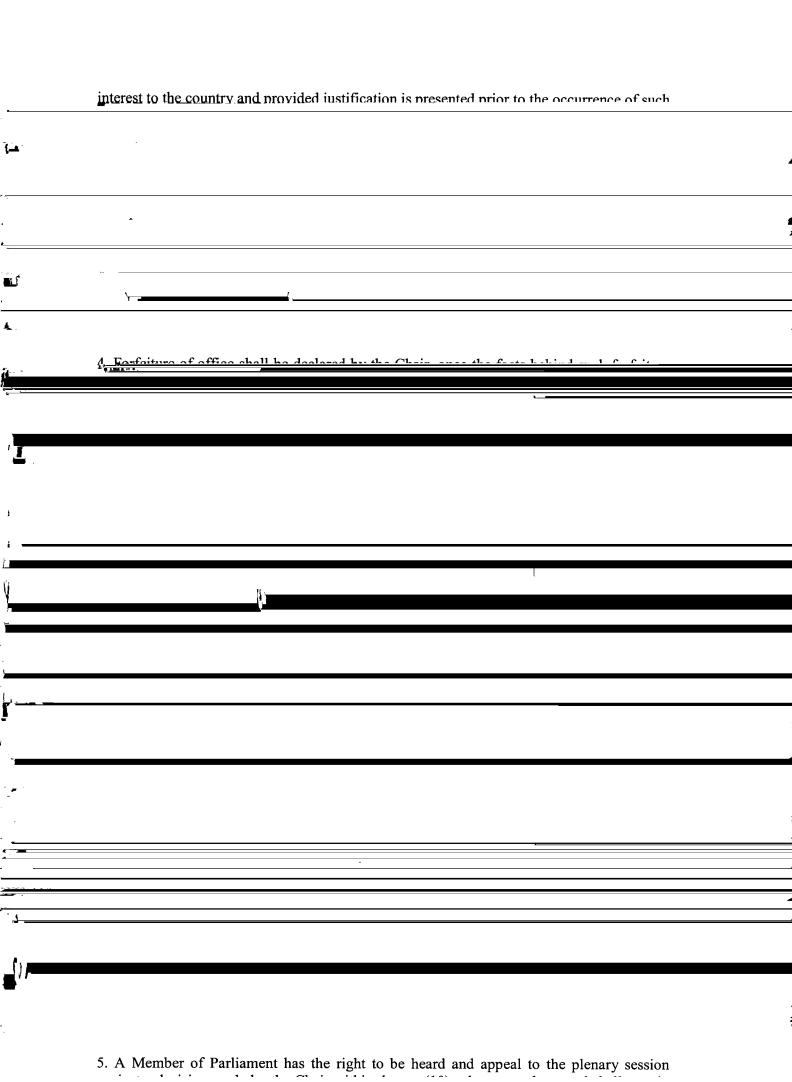
	2. In the first legislative term, the term of office of Members of Parliament started, on an exceptional basis, with the transformation of the Constituent Assembly into a National
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	Article 3  Verification of powers of Members of Parliament
	1. The powers of Members of Parliament shall be verified by the National Parliament
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- (b) a communication by the Member of Parliament to the Speaker of the National Parliament;
- (c) a communication by his or her parliamentary group or by the relevant body of his or her political party;
- (d) an absolutory or similar decision;
- (e) cessation of any functions inconsistent with those of Member of Parliament.

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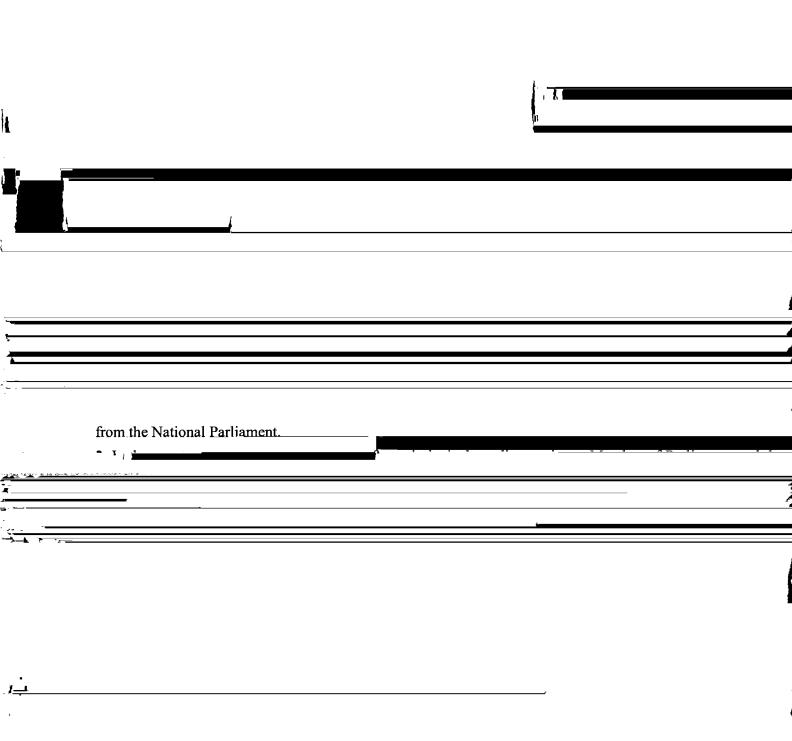
## Article 7 Resignation from office

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# Article 11 Inviolability

1. No Member of Parliament shall be arrested or placed in pre-trial custody, except for following purishable with a prison contains and provided for the contains and prison and



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-	available to Members of Parliament, at the request of the latter, adequate facilities and means to allow them to contact people.
	Article 13 Incompatibilities
	1. While serving their term as a Member of Parliament, the following persons may not exercise their respective functions:
	<ul><li>(a) the President of the Republic;</li><li>(b) judges;</li></ul>
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7	(d) state officials and other officials employed by public corporate bodies;
	<ul><li>(e) members of the National Electoral Committee;</li><li>(f) the Ombudsman of Human Rights and Justice;</li></ul>
	(g) cabinet members and officials of the President's Office or others enjoying equivalent legal status;
	<ul><li>(h) officials of international organisations and of foreign States;</li><li>(i) board of directors members of public enterprises or of companies having public</li></ul>

capital or the majority of its shares are held by the State, and officials of

2. The provision of paragraph (d) of the previous subarticle shall not cover officials

autonomous public institutes.

exercising teaching functions in the education system.

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	the National Parliament, who shall decide the compensation amount, except insofar as such damage is covered by other means.
	Article 16 Rights of Members of Parliament
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·	the time of service as a Member of Parliament;  (b) a vehicle imported with the exemptions provided for above may not be ceded, donated, conveyed or encumbered within three years after its permanent import;  (c) a breach of the provision of the previous paragraph shall entail the payment of import taxes due upon the permanent import of a motor vehicle, and the
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monthly remuneration earned by a Member of Parliament who is actually exercising his or her functions. 2. The monthly subsidy shall apply for the duration of such disability **Article 21 Survival pension** 

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