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# THE CONSOLIDATION OF LIMITED POWERS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE (A NEW CLARIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF RDTL/2002), IN ACTUALIZATION, 2024.

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### **ABSTRACT**

**Introduction:** The present legislator of Timor -Leste has not yet satisfied its obligatory duty to oversee the ordinary laws provided for in the constitutional text, especially those related to the connection and application of the policy of political-administrative decentralization, in line with the national constitution. of Timor-Leste the Central Government still collects all the power. In order to change this situation, it is urgent that the present ordinary legislator create laws on decentralization, so that it can strengthen the existence of local power, and, subsequently, to reach democratization.

**Objective:** The key or main objectives of the power in implementation of decentralization is a democratization defended of administration power.

**Discussion:** It is about giving opportunity to the delegation of authority to limited governments and societies, of central very position due to the administrative and political heterogeneity they have. The specific functions will be returned to the Municipalities, complete a process of consultation with the Ministries and then specified in the proposal for an organic Law on Local Government, with flexibility to adjust the subsequent and connected legal instruments. The application of the principle of democratization, can limited citizens have access to the decision-making process and the application of municipal procedures, with the development of the country.

**Conclusion:** In order to reach this goalmouth, it is urgently essential to realize the reality of application or implementation of this model. The sovereignty body, of any kind the Ordinary Legislator, shall, with the out most urgency as possible, draw up the Local Government Act (Provided for in Article 72/ CDRTL-2002), the Law on the Division of the Administrative Organization (provided for in Article 71/ CDRTL-2002) and the Law on Territorial Division (Provided for in Article 5/CDRTL-2002), which always actualization and updated in the context of the Rule of Law of Democratic, Timor-Leste with regarding to all the laws of Nation cited by (Corte Real AG & Faria V.S., 2024).

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Timor - Leste is an island discovered by Europeans. The first contact of the Europeans was made by the Portuguese, when they arrived in 1512, in the search or search for sandalwood and smelly, noble wood for the production of luxury fixtures and perfumery, which covered practically the entire island where there was plenty of darling. Another goal of the Portuguese, at that time, was, besides the exploration of these honorable woods, to expand Christianity-Catholicism, and to formulate a model of administration within the Timorese people with the memory of event and the modest people in that ancestor during the time or epoch cited by (Corte Real AG & Faria V.S., 2024). With the arrival of the first Governor, coming from Portugal in 1702, practically began the colonial organization of the territory, creating Timor Portuguese<sup>1</sup>. For much of this period, Portugal shared the island of Timor-Leste with the Dutch East Indies or West Timor, now Indonesia. Timor-Leste belongs to the Archipelago of Insulinde (which means "Insular India"), also called the Malaya archipelago, in which are present sovereignties of several States, such as the Republic of Indonesia, the Republic of Philipina, the Republic of Singapore, and the British Community of Australia<sup>2</sup>.

Decentralization is a very attractive and significant issue in certain countries that promote the progression of democracy<sup>3</sup>. This happens in both particular and federal states. In Timor - Leste, decentralization in limited authorities has not yet been implemented by the Timorese State. Although there is a convincing Constitutional command, in line with the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor - Leste/CRDTL-2002 (which is clearly speci-

fied in Articles 5, 71 and 72), the decentralization of power has not yet been the subject of the consideration of the ordinary legislator. One of the main objectives aimed at implementing decentralization is democratization<sup>4</sup>. It is a question of giving opportunity to the delegation of authority to local governments and societies, of fundamental importance due to the administrative and political heterogeneity they have. In addition, the application of delegation should provide local authorities with the benefits of raising own resources. Through decentralization, the Central Government can make certain budget forecasts. If after the decentralization process some of the sites, municipalities and post administrative, especial the administration regions are unable to enjoy political and fiscal independence, i.e., if some places fail to demonstrate conditions for better autonomy after decentralization, these sites can survive through transfers of funds from the Central Government<sup>5</sup>. It is worth importance the role of local authorities in the establishment of social services and in the opening of possibilities, through decentralization, for the participation of local societies in decision-making processes on investments in limited municipal policies. Another aspect is that, in this process of decentralization, the Central Government can maintain a advantaged position as an executing agent of the fiscal control policy, in addition to superintendence the administrative and national regional activities of the context in progress better aid in the future of Timor-Leste cited by (Corte Real AG & Faria V.S., 2024) at the limited level<sup>6</sup>.

#### **THEORTICAL FRAMEWORK**

United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 recognized the inalien-

accordance with the principles of the Charter of the influence of the Territory, since the Timorese pre-United Nations, providing for the process of inde- pared non bodybuilding their right and to become o pendence of countries in <sup>a colony situation 7</sup>. Timor - long time to decide our self to the concept of self-Leste was also qualified, in 1960, by the United determination today clear for Timor-Leste cited by Nations General Assembly as an autonomous terri- (Corte Real AG & Faria V. S., 2024).<sup>10</sup>. tory (Resolution 1542 - XV, of December 14, 1960). Of this, it benefited from one by the Char- Additional important issue is the employment of ters of the United Nations and several united reso- decentralization with the aim of reaching poverty lutions developed the legal ones a. The exercise of eradication. This is also, for the Timorese State, the right to self-determination comprised a choice one of the planned reasons for the application of the between three alternatives, as clarified by Resolu- country's national development plan in line with the tion 1541 - XV of 14 December 1960 of the Gen- objectives of the Timorese Constitution. Conseeral Assembly, and reaffirming in Resolution 2625 quently, the interconnection between these three - XXV of 24 October 1970: a) emergency as a self- proportions (1. Limited Control 2. Decentralization determining and independent State; (b) free sugges- and 3. Democratization) implies that it corresponds tion with an Independent State; or c) incorporation to that urgency of the Timor-Leste State with reinto an Independent State. Timor-Leste shaped re- spect to the curiosity, on a priority scale, of the imgime International, defined the United Nations mediate application of decentralization in Timornorm of self-determination<sup>8</sup>. Timor- Leste should Leste. Talking about Limited Government means stay 1975, that of Lisbon. However, there was that the State, which the Central Government repreamong the Timorese would rule the country, result- sents, is aware of and aims to create subnational ed in the UN regulation. In this confusing picture of places or units within the Timor-Leste territory the internal war between the Timorese, Indonesia in- situation, based on what is specified in Article 72 of vaded Timor-Leste and then invasion it as if it were the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Tiits territory in 1976. With the invasion of Indonesia mor-Leste. Decentralization will bring citizens' to Timor-Leste independent and call civil war this public services closer together through gradual public estimation in Indonesian army and politician transfers of a series of tasks and responsibilities of concept. Timor- Leste, in December 1975 the pro- the Central Government to the new municipalities cess of decolonization and independence was bro- and administrative posts that ensures the machine ken up, which depended then on Portugal<sup>9</sup>. Both affirmative operation well in the administration of Portugal and the United Nations never recognized limited government is now fundamentally cited by the incorporation made by Indonesia, and careful (Corte Real AG & Faria V.S., 2024). Phase-bythat the territory maintained its lawful status as a phase implementation will ensure that there will be non-autonomous territory, subsequently predomi- sufficient capacity at local level to address these nant the Charter of the United Nations and the Res- new skills with adequate resource expertise in difolution of the United Nations General Assembly on ferent level of sciences is relevant to the condition non-autonomous territories (Resolution 1542 - XV, needs and efficiency<sup>11</sup>. of 14 December 1960). Consequently, Portugal per-

able right of all peoples to self-determination, in sisted a "de jure" force, that is, as an administrator

Municipalities and administrative posts will have esteem of the human person<sup>4</sup>. source and sanitation, local Through a consultation process with the relevant tions they are facing $^{12}$ . Ministries in well-functioning and then required in the proposal for an organic Law on Local Government, with flexibility to regulate the subsequent **REFERENCES**: and connected of implementation and legal instruments to be used cited by (Corte Real AG & Faria  $V.S., 2024)^6$ .

### THE RESULT OF RESEARCH.

Decentralization is a situation in which there is the transfer or changes of some certain influences of 3. central supremacies to new entities such as Municipalities, Administrative Posts, Regions Special Administration, as new centers of authority, even though autonomous. In line with Article 1 of the Constitution of the RDTL - Democratic Republic 4. Constitution of the Democratic Republic of of Timor-Leste, 2002, is a democratic, sovereign, independent and unitary State of Duty Right, 5. Government Decree No. 2/2003, of 23/07/2003. founded on popular will and respect for the self-

Article 1 of the more controls to assume the new decentralized Constitution of RDTL talks about democracy, parfunctions. The ultimate objective will be for munic- ticipation in popular will and human dignity, and ipalities to deal with all functions related to the de- can be considered a cornerstone for public authorilivery of services to citizens (such as: civil registra- ties in the State of Timor - Leste, helping as the tion, primary health, primary education, aquatic basis for fundamental principles, directing to develinfrastructures, op and understand these concepts in order to realize amongst others), which are earlier to them, to safe- and implementations their real application. The inguard a strong accountability from the top to the tention or objective of the Limited Authorities in base, local participation and distributive efficien- Timor-Leste is just to exercise some portions of cy<sup>3</sup>. Unfluctuating consequently, decentralization, power, that is, to encourage the widest possible in general terms, encompasses administrative and opportunity, through the central government, so political features that will also be clearly deter- that local citizens can constitute their own controls, mined through a formal legal framework or through in certain areas of competence, so that they can the declaration of laws, as to their sphere of decen- have access to participation in decisions linking to tralization in specific and exact areas. The specific the substantial issues moving the common interest, functions will be returned to the Municipalities, mainly related to the position of harmonizing and Administrative Posts and Regions of Special Ad- prioritizing the attention of resident society, that is, ministration of the National Territory of Timor- to give the opportunity for them to act easily, in Leste cited by (Corte Real AG & Faria V.S., 2024). accordance with the local circumstances and situa-

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