



## COVID-19

Given the public health emergency situation due to COVID-19, a number of statutes have been approved establishing measures to avoid the spread of the disease and mitigate its effects. For more detailed information about the statutes published in response to the pandemic, please consult this [link](#).

## **BANKING**

### Terms and Conditions Approved for Converting Credits in Foreign Currency to National Currency

BNA Instruction No. 15/2020, of 22 September 2020, approved the terms and conditions that banking financial institutions must comply with when converting their clients' credits in foreign currency to national currency. The Instruction also established the terms and conditions for the sale to banks of foreign currency by the National Bank of Angola to cover the foreign exchange position resulting from said conversion. The Instruction will remain in effect until 30 December 2020, though the deadline may be extended by the BNA if justified.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

### Internal Roaming Implemented

Internal Roaming Regulations were enacted, by means of Presidential Decree No. 243/2020, of 29 September 2020, with a view to increasing the areas with mobile coverage, facilitating the entry of new operators until they can develop their own infrastructure, protecting the environment, and promoting competition. Under this statute, Internal Roaming is defined as the ability of a subscriber to automatically make or receive calls, send and receive data – including text messages – or access other services using another operator’s network if the subscriber is in an area where its own operator does not have coverage. These Regulations establish that operators, including mobile virtual network operators, must enter into National Roaming contracts in relation to the areas determined by the Electronic Communications Regulator (INACOM) and, in the event that no agreement can be reached between the operators, INACOM will intervene and set the terms of the contract. Operators not complying with the provisions of this statute or the relevant National Roaming contract will be subject to fines and other sanctions.

## **INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC LAW**

### African Charter on Maritime Transport Ratified

By means of Letter of Ratification No. 9/20, of 4 September 2020, the President of the Republic confirmed the 2010 African Charter on Maritime Transport. The main objectives of the Charter are, among others: (i) to implement harmonized maritime policies capable of promoting the sustainable growth and development of African merchant fleets and to encourage closer cooperation between Member States; (ii) to facilitate and encourage common African positions on international maritime policy issues; (iii) to promote the effective implementation of international maritime instruments to which Member States

are parties; (iv) to promote bilateral and multilateral cooperation between the maritime administrations of the Member States in the area of maritime transport, inland waterways, port activities, maritime safety and security, and protection of the marine environment; (v) to promote the creation of national and regional shipping companies; and (vi) to promote the development of multi-modal transportation and the integration of all forms of transport.

## New Constitution of African Civil Aviation Commission Ratified

By means of Letter of Ratification No. 10/20, of 9 September 2020, the President of the Republic confirmed the new Constitution of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC). The AFCAC's goal is, among others, to coordinate civil aviation matters in Africa and cooperate with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and other bodies involved in the promotion and development of civil aviation in Africa.

## Cooperation Agreement on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters Ratified Between Governments of Republic of Angola and Republic of Zambia

By means of Letter of Approval No. 9/20, of 15 September 2020, the President of the Republic confirmed the Cooperation Agreement on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Republic of Zambia. The Agreement's goal is to provide mutual assistance between the Customs Administrations of the signatory States to prevent, investigate and prosecute customs offenses and the trafficking of drugs and psychotropic substances.

## Agreement on Cross-Border Transportation by Road Approved Between Governments of Republic of Angola and Republic of Namibia

By means of Presidential Decree No. 236/20, of 21 September 2020, the President of the Republic approved the Agreement on Cross-border Transportation by Road between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Republic of Namibia. The Agreement aims at, notably, regulating the cross-border transportation of passengers and goods by road between the signatory States, as well as the transportation of passengers and goods in transit through their territories to third-party countries, in order to make transport services more efficient and to meet the needs of their populations.

## Agreement on Air Services Approved Between Governments of Republic of Angola and Federal Republic of Germany

By means of Presidential Decree No. 237/20, of 21 September 2020, the President of the Republic approved the Agreement on Air Services between the Government of the Republic of Angola and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Agreement sets forth rules relating to the establishment and operation of air services between and beyond the respective territories of both countries.

## Doha Amendment to Kyoto Protocol Ratified

By means of Letter of Accession No. 7/20, of 24 September 2020, the President

of the Republic confirmed accession to the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol. With the aim of stabilizing the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the Protocol establishes limits for greenhouse gas emissions in industrialized countries and provides mechanisms to keep the costs of containing emissions as low as possible.

## STATE

### Creation of the Economic and Social Council

By means of Presidential Decree No. 238/20, of 24 September 2020, the President of the Republic of Angola created the Economic and Social Council (ESC) and approved its Internal Regulations. The ESC is an advisory body to the President whose role is: (i) to assist the President of the Republic in the preparation of economic policy programs and measures; (ii) to present recommendations on measures that guarantee articulation between the Government, the business class and the economic sector in general; and (iii) to propose measures to the Government that encourage the development of bilateral consultation between the relevant sectors, business associations, workers' unions and organs of the State's central and local authorities.

### New Framework Laws of Various Ministries Approved

With a view to adapting the organic structure and the way of working of Ministries to the directives resulting from the State Reform Roadmap, the President of the Republic approved the new framework laws of the following Ministries:

- Ministry of Social Action, Family and Promotion of Women (Presidential Decree No. 226/20, of 4 September 2020);
- Ministry of Youth and Sports (Presidential Decree No. 228/20, of 7 September 2020);

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- Ministry of Transport (Presidential Decree No. 233/20, of 14 September 2020, rectified by Rectification No. 12/20, of 24 September 2020).
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