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## Coronavirus: Immediate measures to prevent the risk of infection

The President of the Republic of Angola has approved Provisional Presidential Legislative Decree no. 1/20, which introduces a set of urgent measures to mitigate the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic caused by the new Coronavirus.

To prevent the spread of the new Coronavirus, measures have been adopted in relation to:

## Border crossings

- Suspension of all passenger flights in and out of Angola for a period of 15 (fifteen) days, ending on 4 April. The suspension may be extended for the same period depending on the evolution of the pandemic. The measure also applies to land borders, which are also closed for the same period;
- The prohibition does not apply to cargo ships, ships that are indispensable for humanitarian reasons, or ships involved in implementing Angolan foreign policy;
- Ship crew members are only allowed to disembark in Angola if they need assistance for medical or humanitarian reasons and, in these case, the prevention protocol established to combat the pandemic must be observed.

## Social gatherings

- Public events with more than 200 people are prohibited;
- Mandatory hygiene rules have been introduced for establishments that remain open to the public. In these cases, hands must be washed with soap and running water, or with alcohol-based disinfectant;

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• Strict observance of hygiene rules is recommended when people are in close personal contact at meetings or when using public transport. People are also advised to avoid any travel that is not strictly necessary.

### **Isolation (quarantine)**

- A period of compulsory isolation of 14 days has been established for all people who arrived at any Angolan airports up to midnight on 20 March. People in isolation may not have any visitors in order to avoid a possible risk of infection;
- If people are absent from work because they are subject to compulsory isolation, their absence is considered to be justified for employment law purposes.

#### **Extraordinary financial resources**

• The Minister of Finance must ensure that extraordinary financial resources are made available to pay for the tasks of acquiring the means to prepare the teams, provide the assistance, and implement the epidemiological surveillance necessary to contain the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The measures introduced by Provisional Presidential Legislative Decree no. 1/20 are preventive measures established at a very early stage of the spread of Covid-19 and they are not directed at any specific sector of economic activity.



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