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CORONAVIRUS: STATE OF PUBLIC CALAMITY

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Decree 102/2020 of 23 November repeals all the articles of Decree 79/2020 of 4 September, except for Article 1, which decreed the Situation of Public Calamity and activated the Red Alert. However, our analysis of the new Decree suggests that no major changes have been made to the rules.

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The **quarantine rules** provide that all arriving passengers who present proof of a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test with a negative result for SARS-COV-2, carried out in the country of origin in the 72 hours prior to departure, are not required to go into quarantine (self-isolation).

Children up to the age of 11 who enter Mozambique do not have to present a negative PCR test, whereas Mozambican citizens returning from travel who do not present a valid negative PCR test for SARS, COV-2 are subject to compulsory quarantine and testing at their own expense.

Regarding the **validity of official documents**, the issuance of official documents has been resumed and this was also the case under the previous decree. However, when they expire, the identification and residence document for foreigners and the temporary visa are renewed until 31 December 2020. The issuance of tourist visas has also been resumed and visas can be issued to those travelling to Mozambique.

As for the **resumption of classes**, the provisions of Article 15 of the previous Decree have been maintained, but year 7 classes, literacy classes and adult education 2nd year classes resume on 2 November 2020, provided they meet appropriate conditions to combat and prevent the spread of the pandemic.

As to the **operation of public transport, public and private events, commercial leisure establishments and similar**, the reopening of public swimming pools and the reopening of monuments and the like has been decreed. In contrast with the previous rules on holding championships, which were limited to the resumption of the Moçambola football championship, this decree authorises the holding of national championships in all sports from 15 November, but they must take place without the presence of the public. Tennis, swimming, motor racing, motorcycling, cycling, athletics, roller hockey, shooting, sailing and canoeing competitions were also resumed for individuals.

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Another important issue is that inmates are subject to a maximum limit on visits of two people per month.

Finally, The new Decree provides that the Judicial Court of the area where the offence was committed has jurisdiction to collect any fines due for breaking the rules in the Decree.