

Law no. 46/2003 of 22 August 2003

Law regulating the monitoring of the involvement of Portuguese military contingents abroad by the Assembly of the Republic

In accordance with Article 161(c) of the Constitution, the Assembly of the Republic hereby decrees the following, which shall have effect as a general law of the Republic:

Article 1

Monitoring of Portuguese military contingents abroad

The Assembly of the Republic shall monitor the involvement of Portuguese military contingents abroad, under the terms laid down by the present law.

Article 2

Scope

The monitoring of the involvement of Portuguese military contingents abroad covers, specifically:

- a) Humanitarian and evacuation missions;
- b) Peacebuilding and peacekeeping missions;
- c) Peace restoration or crisis management missions;
- d) Missions resulting from international commitments undertaken by the Portuguese state within the military framework.

Article 3

Notification of the Assembly of the Republic

1- The Assembly of the Republic shall be notified of the Government's decision to involve Portuguese military contingents beforehand for the purposes of consideration and subsequent monitoring.

2- If justified by the nature of the mission, the notification referred to in the previous paragraph shall occur when the security term requested by the action has been completed.

Article 4

Content of the information provided to the Assembly of the Republic

The information provided to the Assembly of the Republic by the Government on the involvement of Portuguese military contingents abroad shall include, specifically:

- a) The requests for involvement, together with their grounds;
- b) Draft decision or proposal of that involvement;
- c) The military resources involved or to be involved, the type and level of risks estimated and the foreseen duration of the mission;
- d) Elements, information and official publications deemed useful and necessary.

Article 5
Reports

- 1- The Government shall submit to the Assembly of the Republic a detailed report on the involvement of Portuguese military contingents abroad twice a year, without prejudice to other occasional or urgent information that may be requested.
- 2- The Government shall submit a final report to the Assembly of the Republic within sixty days of completion of the mission.

Article 6
National Defence Committee

The monitoring by the Assembly of the Republic under the terms laid down in the present law shall be undertaken by the National Defence Committee.

Approved on 3 July 2003.

The President of the Assembly of the Republic, João Bosco Mota Amaral.

Enacted on 4 August 2003.

Be it published.

The President of the Republic, JORGE SAMPAIO.

Countersigned on 8 August 2003.

The Prime Minister, José Manuel Durão Barroso.