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SUMMARY

Council of Ministers:

Decree No. 44/2010:

Defines procedures for the creation and use of the Unique Citizen Identification Number (NUIC) and the responsibilities of the institutions involved.

Decree No. 45/2010:

Approves the Regulation on the Payment of Tax Debts in Installments.

Decree No. 46/2010:

Approves the Regulation on Tax Debt Compensation.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Decree No. 44/2010

of November 2

In the context of the introduction of civil identification documents based on biometric elements, it is necessary to define procedures for the generation and use of the Unique Citizen Identification Number, delimiting the responsibilities of the institutions involved in the issuance of identification documents.

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of Article 203(1) of the Constitution of the Republic, the Council of Ministers decrees:

ARTICLE 1
(Purpose)

This Decree establishes the creation and implementation of the Unique Citizen Identification Number, abbreviated as NUIC, and the management of the Database of National and Foreign Resident Citizens.

ARTICLE 2
(General principle)

The identification and issuance of citizens' documents shall be based on data issued by the civil registry within the framework of the duties and responsibilities of the Ministry that oversees the area of Civil Registry.

ARTICLE 3
(Citizen identification subsystems)

1. Citizen identification subsystems are considered to be institutions that, due to their statutory duties, use citizen identification data as the basis for their work.
2. Citizen identification subsystems are responsible for ensuring that the documents they issue comply with the principle established in Article 2 of this Decree.

ARTICLE 4
(Structure of the Unique Citizen Identification Number)

The NUIC is created with the following structure:

1. For national citizens: PPDDSSSSSSSSG (13), where:
 - a) PP – Numeric code of the province where the citizen's birth was registered, based on the National Classification of the Country's Political Administrative Division;
 - b) DD – Numerical code of the district where the citizen's birth was registered, based on the National Classification of the Country's Political Administrative Division;
 - c) SSSSSSSS – Sequence of the registration in the district;
 - d) G – Check digit.
2. For foreign citizens: PPNNSSSSSSSSG (13), where:
 - a) PP – Province of foreigner registration, based on the National Classification of the Political Administrative Division of the Country;
 - b) NN – Alphanumeric nationality of origin, according to ISO 3166-1 codes;
 - c) SSSSSSSS – Sequence of registration in the province for a given nationality;
 - d) G – Check digit.

ARTICLE 5
(Powers of the Minister who oversees the Civil Registry)

The Minister responsible for the Civil Registry is responsible for:

1. Ensuring the conditions for effective management of the NUIC and the biographical and biometric data associated with it, in order to provide information and documentation services to citizens and all authorized entities.

2. Defining the security and interoperability mechanisms of the NUIC.

3. Managing the Citizen Database in terms of defining objectives, strategies, processes, and activities that ensure:

- a) The appropriate and complete registration of citizens' biographical and biometric data;
- b) The generation and assignment of NUICs and maintenance of the respective information storage database;
- c) Updating citizen data, ensuring its reliability and consistency;
- d) Making data available to interested parties in accordance with their legitimacy.

ARTICLE 6

(Powers of the Minister who only supervises Civil Identification and Migration)

The Minister responsible for Civil Identification and Migration is responsible for:

1. Issuing identity cards, passports, and other travel documents provided for by law.
2. Issuing residence permits to foreign citizens.
3. For the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article, the Civil Identification and Migration Services shall access the Civil Registry database to obtain the relevant information.
4. In the performance of their specific duties, the Civil Identification and Migration Services shall collect and update data in the Citizen Database.

ARTICLE 7

(Powers of the Minister responsible for Science and Technology)

The Minister responsible for Science and Technology shall be responsible for:

1. Ensuring technical advice and taking the necessary measures to guarantee the effective interoperability of the subsystems involved in the process of civil registration and identification of citizens in accordance with the Electronic Government Strategy.
2. Regulate the general aspects of interoperability involved in the NUIC.

ARTICLE 8

(Powers of the Minister responsible for Finance)

The Minister of Finance is responsible for setting the fees payable for consulting, in accordance with the law, data contained in the Citizen Database.

ARTICLE 9 **(Amendment)**

Paragraph *b*) of Article 5(1) of Decree No. 11/2008 of April 29, concerning the special powers of the Minister responsible for Civil Identification, is amended to read as follows:

“*b*) The security mechanisms of the Identity Card.”

ARTICLE 10

(Final and Transitional Provisions)

1. Until interoperability is operational, the subsystems referred to in Article 3 of this Decree shall continue to operate as currently.

2. During the transition from the NUIC generation system of the Civil Identification and Migration Services to the Civil Registry, the Ministers overseeing the respective areas shall define, by Joint Ministerial Order, all technical measures that may be relevant.

3. Each Ministry or body issuing citizen identification documents shall issue instructions for the effective implementation of this Decree.

Approved by the Council of Ministers on September 17, 2010.

To be published.

The Prime Minister, *Aires Bonifácio Baptista Ali*.

Decree No. 45/2010

of November 2

Given the need to regulate the mechanism for payment of tax debts in installments, as provided for in Article 148 of Law No. 2/2006, of March 22, in the exercise of the powers conferred by Article 217 of the same Law, the Council of Ministers decrees:

Article 1. The Regulation on the Payment of Tax Debts in Installments, attached to this Decree, is hereby approved and forms an integral part thereof.

Article 2. The Minister of Finance is responsible for approving the procedures necessary to comply with the obligations arising from this Decree.

Art. 3. Decree No. 362/70 of August 3, and all legislation contrary to this Decree, are hereby revoked.

Approved by the Council of Ministers on September 17, 2010.

To be published.

The Prime Minister, *Aires Bonifácio Baptista Ali*.

Regulations on Payment of Tax Debts in Installments

ARTICLE 1 **(Purpose and Scope)**

1. This Regulation establishes the procedures for the payment in installments of tax debts arising from taxes on the income of individuals and legal entities.

2. The provisions of the previous paragraph do not apply to tax debts arising from taxes on the income of individuals and legal entities, which are settled through the withholding tax mechanism, as described in the law.

ARTICLE 2 **(Payment in installments)**

1. Tax debts may be paid in installments during the voluntary payment period and during the tax enforcement phase.

2. In addition to the principal tax debt, payment in installments includes fines, interest, and other legal charges.