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## Measures Relating to Public Administration During the State of Emergency

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**Press Release**

**State of Emergency**

**Measures Relating to Public Administration**

In view of the declaration of a state of emergency, a Government Decree listing the measures for implementing the declaration of the state of emergency was approved at the Meeting of the Council of Ministers on March 28, 2020.

The measures adopted aim to prevent COVID-19, contain the pandemic, save lives and ensure the subsistence of supply chains of essential goods and services for our population, even though they may limit some fundamental rights and freedoms. These measures are taken with respect for constitutional limits and following the guidelines of the World Health Organization and the example of other States.

The state of emergency is in force between 00:00 hours on March 28, 2020 and 23:59 hours on April 26, 2020 and applies to the entire national territory.

During the term of the state of emergency, the Members of the Government and the executive bodies of public legal persons included in the indirect administration of the State identify the human resources strictly necessary to ensure the functioning, under minimum services, of public services which they run, in order to ensure the functioning of public administration and the provision, to citizens and businesses, of goods and services which are urgent or which cannot be delayed.

Officials exempted from their duty to appear in their respective services shall remain contactable by telephone and present themselves at the services where they usually provide their professional activity whenever they are summoned by the hierarchical superior.

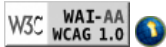
Where possible, human resources should be allowed to provide professional activity on a non-face-to-face basis and through new communication and information technologies.

Locations where public services operate shall ensure that there is a minimum distance of one metre between persons and provide the necessary means so users and staff can wash their hands before entering the building. **ENDS**

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