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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### [FEES FOR REGISTRATION OF COMPANIES IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS SECTORS](#)

Joint Executive Decree No. 461/15, of 1 July 2015, enacted the fees due for the issuance of registration certificates, by the National Center for Information Technology, regarding the technical capabilities of companies in the information technology and communications sectors. The registration certificates are to be issued by reference to different activities, including the sale and repair of equipment, software development or the provision of consultancy services. The new statute also sets the fees for the homologation of IT systems and solutions.

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## VISAS

### [VISA AGREEMENT BETWEEN ANGOLA AND FRANCE APPROVED](#)

Presidential Decree No. 146/15, of 2 July 2015, approved the Visa Liberalisation and Permanence of The Professionals and Trainees Agreement between the Governments of the Republic of Angola and the Republic of France. The Agreement is aimed at expediting the issuance of, *inter alia*, (i) short-term visas for French national professionals, with multiple entries and a validity of 36 months, which allow a stay, consecutive or not, of 90 days in each 180-day period; (ii) work visas for French national professionals, with multiple entries and a validity of 36 months, renewable until the term of the purpose of entry; and (iii) long-term visas for French national trainees, with multiple entries and valid for a maximum period of 12 months. The spouse and under aged children of French national professionals may be granted long-term visas.

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## ENVIRONMENT

### APPROVAL OF BENGUELA CURRENT CONVENTION

Resolution No. 15/15, of 3 July 2015, approved for ratification the Convention of the Benguela Current between the Governments of Angola, Namibia and South Africa. This Convention is aimed at ensuring a coordinated regional approach to promote the conservation, protection, recovery and improvement in the long term, of the Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem, as well as its sustainable use, so as to provide economic, environmental and social benefits.

### NEW RULES ON ECOTOURISM PROJECTS

Joint Executive Decree No. 470/15, of 14 July 2015, established the rules for the granting of areas for ecotourism within Protected Areas in Angola. The terms of reference for the granting of areas are set in an annex to the statute, and the expressions of interest for the granting of areas should be made to the Ministry of Environment, which shall then report them to the Ministry of Hospitality and Tourism.

### PROHIBITION OF SLAUGHTERING AND CUTTING OF PROTECTED SPECIES

Executive Decree No. 469/15, of 13 July 2015, prohibits the killing of protected wild fauna and flora species in the national territory. The statute, which sets penalties up to Kz. 600,000.00 (roughly USD 4,750), is aimed at fighting poaching and trafficking of valuable objects from wild species.

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