Forest Code: amendment of certain provisions of law n° 16/2001 of December 31, 2001, concerning the forest code in the Gabonese Republic

Code forestier : modification de certaines dispositions de la loi n° 16/2001 du 31 décembre 2001 portant code forestier en République gabonaise

Ordinance No. 6/2002 of August 22, 2002 Modifying certain provisions of Law No. 16/2001 of December 31, 2001 on the forestry code in the Gabonese Republic Article 1.- This ordinance, enacted in application of the provisions of Articles 47 and 52 of the Constitution, modifies certain provisions of Law No. 16/2001 of December 31, 2001 on the forestry code in the Gabonese Republic. Article 2.- Article 81 of Law No. 16/2001 of December 31, 2001 is amended and now reads as follows: "Article 81 (new).- An interministerial body called the National Parks Council is created and placed under the authority of the President of the Republic." Article 3.- Six articles 81 a to 81 f are added, worded as follows: "Article 81 a.- The National Parks Council is responsible for overseeing the creation, geographical placement, and management of national parks, including tourism and scientific activities that may take place within them. The National Parks Council is consulted by the government and gives its opinion on matters related to national parks." "Article 81 b.- Any national park is created by decree of the President of the Republic taken in a council of ministers. A national park is managed by a conservator appointed by decree of the President of the Republic, head of state. The conservator is assisted by one or more deputies appointed in the same manner and conditions." "Article 81 c.- The National Parks Council is composed of the following members: - the Prime Minister or their representative, - the Minister of Forestry, Water, Fisheries, in charge of nature protection, or their representative, - the Minister in charge of tourism or their representative, - the Minister in charge of land use planning or their representative, - the Minister in charge of planning or their representative, - the Minister in charge of scientific research or their representative, - the Minister in charge of economy and finance or their representative, - the Minister in charge of the interior and local communities or their representative, - the Minister in charge of national defense or their representative, - the Minister in charge of mines, energy, and petroleum or their representative." "Article 81 d.- The National Parks Council may consult specialists or researchers with proven expertise related to its activities." "Article 81 e.- The administration of the National Parks Council is ensured by a permanent secretariat. The permanent secretariat is headed by a permanent secretary appointed by decree of the President of the Republic, head of state." "Article 81 f.- The organization and functioning of the National Parks Council are determined by regulatory means." Article 4.- Regulatory texts shall determine, as necessary, the provisions of any nature required for the application of this ordinance. Article 5.- This ordinance, which repeals all previous contrary provisions, shall be recorded, published according to the emergency procedure, and executed as state law. Done in Libreville, on August 22, 2002