

DECREE 69/2021, dated 29 April, adopting the National Strategy for Sustainable Development. “Equatorial Guinea Agenda 2035”. EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM: The First National Economic Conference, the aim of which was to adopt a medium-term economic strategy for 1997–2001, and the Second National Economic Conference, held in Bata from 12 to 14 November 2007. at which the National Plan for Economic and Social Development “Equatorial Guinea Horizon 2020” (PNDES H2020) was adopted, with the aim of channelling oil revenues into the country’s transformation, through four main strategic pillars: (i) Building world-class infrastructure to increase productivity and accelerate growth; (ii) Significantly strengthening human capital and improving the quality of life for every citizen; (iii) Building a diversified economy based on the private sector; and (iv) Establishing high-quality governance at the service of citizens. Taking into account the Evaluation of the First Phase of the PNDES GE H2020 carried out in 2014, the results of which demonstrated that Equatorial Guinea had undergone a spectacular transformation in terms of basic infrastructure, both for economic development as for social development; however, with regard to , the significant investments made were not having the expected impact due to problems relating to the management of the country’s existing capacities, and the lack of statistics on the impact of these investments on the living conditions of the population; furthermore, with regard to economic diversification, a horizontal transformation of the economic structure in the oil sector, but the country’s economic profile remained heavily dependent on the exploitation of hydrocarbons; this economic diversification was therefore essential to maintaining Equatorial Guinea’s prosperity. Bearing in mind that, in 2015, the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea adopted and ratified two agendas: the United Nations 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development Goals United Nations system and the African Union’s Agenda 2063. Given that, since 2015, the country has been undergoing a period of economic and financial adjustment since 2015, due to the fall in hydrocarbon prices in 2014, this which has reduced revenue from this sector and, consequently, funding for the National Economic and Social Development Plan: Horizon 2020. On this basis, the Government decided to reorient the Plan in order to responsibly address the rescheduling of its priorities.

Having regard to Decree No. 74/2018, dated 18 April, convening the Third National Economic Conference, under the slogan ‘Consolidating Social Equity and Economic Diversification’, the purpose of which was: (i) to reorient the current National Plan for Economic and Social Development: Horizon 2020; (ii) To present to the national and international community the achievements and challenges of the vision set out in the National Plan for Economic and Social Development: Horizon 2020; (iii) Adapt planning frameworks for short-, medium- and long-term economic and social development in response to the country’s current situation; and (iv) Integrate the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 into the planning frameworks for economic and social development.

Having regard to the recommendations and resolutions adopted by the people of Equatorial Guinea, duly represented, as well as the private sector and civil society, during the Third National Economic Conference held from 2 to 4 May 2019 in the city of Sipopo, within the various thematic blocks designed for its proceedings, namely: (i) Poverty Eradication; (ii) Social Inclusion and Sustainable Peace; (iii) Productivity and Industrialisation; and (iv) Environmental Sustainability. In accordance with one of the General Resolutions adopted by the Plenary in the Final Minutes of that Conference, which called upon the Government to draw up and submit for adoption through the established legal channels, a Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development for Equatorial Guinea, under the motto ‘Together We Move Forward’, with a time horizon of 2035. Accordingly, on the proposal of the Government, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the legal provisions in force, I hereby approve and promulgate the following:

DECREE ADOPTING THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ‘EQUATORIAL GUINEA AGENDA 2035’. CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS Article 1.- This Decree hereby adopts the National Sustainable Development “Equatorial Guinea Agenda 2035”, approved at the Third National Economic Conference National Economic Conference, held in the city of Sipopo from 2 to 4 May 2019. Article 2.- The National Sustainable Development Strategy comprises the following documents: 1. The Final Act of the Third National Economic Conference. 2. The Progress Report on the

implementation of the PNDES 2020. 3. The Equatorial Guinea 2035 Agenda.

4. The Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development 2020–2025. 5. The Programme to Support Economic Diversification (PRODECO). Article 3.- The National Strategy for Sustainable Development aims to fulfil the following aspirations arising from the Third National Economic Conference: Building our own future: the citizens of Equatorial Guinea are the architects of their own destiny: i. Eradicating multidimensional poverty: a society free from hunger; ii. Valuing people, knowledge and innovation as drivers of growth; iii. Valuing work, entrepreneurship and saving as drivers of development; iv. To combat climate change and the degradation of the natural environment; v. To promote active citizenship and equal opportunities; vi. To respect and value ethnolinguistic and cultural diversity as elements that contribute to national identity; vii. Safeguard intra- and intergenerational solidarity; viii. Promote ethics and transparency in business, economic, institutional and social relations; ix. Eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and girls; x. Strengthen macroeconomic aggregates, consolidate public accounts and promote greater fiscal justice; xi. To modernise and decentralise public administration services; xii. Expand development across the entire national territory; xiii. Guarantee judicial independence and legal certainty. Article 4.- The National Strategy for Sustainable Development is based on the following Strategic Pillars for Sustainable Development 2035: Pillar I: Poverty Eradication. Pillar II: Social Inclusion and Sustainable Peace. Pillar III: Production, Productivity and Industrialisation. Pillar IV: Environmental Sustainability and Territorial Development. Article 5.- The ‘Equatorial Guinea 2035 Agenda’ is divided into three phases, each of which will be guided by a five-year Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development, namely: First Phase: Launch (2020–2025). Second Phase: Development (2026–2030). Third Phase: Consolidation (2031–2035).

CHAPTER II: THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK Article 6.- The National Sustainable Development Strategy “Equatorial Guinea Agenda 2035” comprises the following institutional framework: 1.- National Council for Sustainable Development. 2.- National Planning Council. This structure shall include the Equatorial Guinea 2035 Observatory. 3.- The National Development Agency of Equatorial Guinea SECTION I: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Article 7.- The National Council for Sustainable Development, chaired by the Head of State, is hereby established as the supreme body for monitoring and supervision.

Article 8.- The functions of the National Council for Sustainable Development are: To validate the strategic guidelines and priorities of the Five-Year Strategic Plans, in line with the country’s stated aspirations. To evaluate, at the highest level, the implementation of the Five-Year Strategic Plans, and to decide on any necessary adjustments. Article 9.- The structure and organisational and operational regulations of the National Council for Sustainable Development shall be enacted by Decree.

SECTION II: THE NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL Article 10.- The National Planning Council (CONAP) is hereby established, chaired by the First Minister of the Government, as the supreme body responsible for coordinating, organising and supporting short-, medium- and long-term planning, guiding the public policy cycle and the prioritisation of investment resources within the framework of the National Planning System. To this end, the Council shall act as chair of the National Planning System. CONAP is a primarily technical body that promotes the implementation of a strategic vision for the country in the social, economic and environmental fields, through the design, guidance and evaluation of the country’s public policies, the management and allocation of public investment, and the translation of these into government plans, programmes and projects .

Article 11.- The functions of the National Planning Council are: 1. To promote the establishment and implementation of the National Planning System. 2. To convene and coordinate the annual national planning conferences within the framework of the National Planning System. 3. To promote the implementation of a strategic vision for the country in the social, economic and environmental fields, through the design, guidance and evaluation of public policies. 4. To analyse, coordinate and evaluate the investment programmes of the various departments, recording viable programmes in the national investment programmes and projects database, which are

then implemented on the basis of the General State Budget. 5. To track and monitor the United Nations 2030 Agenda on the Sustainable Development Goals. 6. To carry out studies, research and policy analysis on key economic and social issues to support the nation's development efforts nation. To carry out this work, the Council will receive technical support from the Department of Planning and Economics, the National Development Agency, and the National Institute of Statistics, as these departments are also tasked with carrying out studies.

Article 12.- The structure and organisational and operational regulations of the National Council for Planning shall be enacted by Decree. SECTION III: THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY Article 13.- The National Development Agency of Equatorial Guinea is hereby established as the body responsible for the monitoring,

supervision and technical evaluation of the implementation of the National Development Agenda. Article 14.- The functions of the National Development Agency of Equatorial Guinea are: (a) To ensure the monitoring and technical and strategic analysis of issues relating to sustainable development, and to make substantial contributions to the Government, as well to the public and private sectors, by providing timely and effective policy alternatives . b) To develop innovative strategies and tools that promote effectiveness and efficiency in government decision-making. c) To facilitate partnerships and dialogue with regional and international development institutions.

(d) To promote research activities that can provide vision and direction for greater socio-economic prosperity, thereby responding to the need for growth models adapted to constantly changing national and international environments. e) Submit periodic reports to the National Council for Sustainable Development and the Planning on the implementation of development plans and any other reports they may request. f) To support short-, medium- and long-term sectoral planning, which guides the formulation of public policies and the prioritisation of investment resources, including those from the General State Budget. g) To assist ministries in the formulation, preparation and monitoring of policies, plans, programmes and projects. h) To design and organise systems for evaluating the performance of the public administration, and to disseminate the results of these evaluations. i) To develop communication strategies to raise awareness of the Agendas at national level and mobilise all key stakeholders for their implementation. j) To provide a consultancy service for the implementation of specific projects. k) To organise workshops, training sessions, forums and awareness-raising activities on topics of interest relating to sustainable development. Article 15.- The composition, organisation and operating procedures of the National Development Agency shall be laid down by Decree. SECTION IV: THE EQUATORIAL GUINEA

2035 OBSERVATORY Article 16.- The Equatorial Guinea 2035 is hereby established, reporting to CONAP, as the lead body responsible for ensuring the participation and consultation of other public authorities, civil society, economic and social partners and the private sector, as well as the agencies of the United Nations system and local governments. Article 17.- The functions of the Equatorial Guinea 2035 Observatory are as follows: (a) To coordinate progress on the National Development Agenda, gathering the views of the various stakeholder groups.

b) To provide comments and advice to CONAP with a view to improving the implementation of the National Development Agenda. Article 18.- The composition, organisation and operating procedures of the Equatorial Guinea 2035 Observatory shall be laid down by Decree.

CHAPTER III: IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS Article 19.-The Government and other public authorities are obliged to ensure that their sectoral programmes are at all times in line with the National Strategy for Sustainable Development adopted by this Decree. Article 20.- Ministerial Departments and Public Bodies shall

draw up and submit to the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Planning, within the framework of the National Planning System, their respective five-year sectoral plans, duly quantified, for consolidation into a General Five-Year Plan for the First Phase of Implementation of the Equatorial Guinea 2035 Agenda. Article 21.- The mechanisms for evaluating the National Sustainable Development 'Equatorial Guinea Agenda 2035' shall be set out in the additional regulatory provisions to be issued for that purpose. ADDITIONAL PROVISION The Government is authorised to issue whatever provisions are necessary for the proper implementation of the National

Sustainable Development Strategy “Equatorial Guinea Equatorial Guinea 2035”, adopted at the Third National Economic Conference, held in the city of Sipopo in May 2019. REPEALING PROVISION Any provisions of equal or lower rank that conflict with the provisions of this Decree are hereby repealed. FINAL PROVISION: This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette, without prejudice to its publication in the national media. Issued at Bata, on the twenty-ninth day of April in the year two thousand and twenty-one. FOR A BETTER GUINEA, OBIANG NGUEMA MBASOSO PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC”.
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