

**Law no. 46/2003
of 22 August**

**Law regulating the supervising by the Assembly of the Republic of the
involvement of Portuguese military contingents abroad.**

Under the terms laid down in Article 161 (c) of the Constitution, to be asserted as general law of the Republic, the Assembly of the Republic determines the following:

Article 1

Supervising of Portuguese military contingents abroad

The Assembly of the Republic shall supervise the involvement of Portuguese military contingents abroad, under the terms laid down by the present law.

Article 2
Scope

Supervising of the involvement of Portuguese military contingents abroad covers namely:

- a) Humanitarian and evacuation missions;
- b) Construction and peace keeping missions;
- c) Peace restoring or crises management missions;
- d) Missions resulting from international compromises undertaken by the Portuguese state within the military scope.

Article 3
Communication to the Assembly of the Republic

- 1- The Government's decision to involve Portuguese military contingents shall be previously communicated to the Assembly of the Republic with a view to its consideration and subsequent supervising.
- 2- When the nature of the missions so justifies, the communication referred to in the previous paragraph shall occur when the security term requested by the action is concluded.

Article 4
Content of the information to the Assembly of the Republic

The Government's information to the Assembly of the Republic on the involvement of Portuguese military contingents abroad shall include namely:

- a) The involvement requests with their grounds specified;
- b) Draft decisions or proposal of that involvement;
- c) The military means involved or to be involved, type and level of estimated risks and foreseen duration of the mission;
- d) Elements, information and official publications deemed useful and necessary.

Article 5
Reports

- 1- The Government shall submit to the Assembly of the Republic a detailed report twice a year on the involvement of Portuguese military contingents abroad, without prejudice to other occasional or urgent information that may be requested.
- 2- Once the mission is concluded, the Government shall submit to the Assembly of the Republic a final report within sixty days.

Article 6
Parliamentary Committee on National Defence

The supervising by the Assembly of the Republic under the terms laid down by the present law shall be undertaken by the Parliamentary Committee on National Defence.

Approved on 3 July 2003.

The President of the Assembly of the Republic, João Bosco Mota Amaral.

Enacted on 4 August 2003

Be it published.

The President of the Republic, JORGE SAMPAIO.

Countersigned on 8 August 2003.

The Prime Minister, José Manuel Durão Barroso.