

Parliament adopts the Press Law



Luanda, 02/03 - The National Assembly (Angolan Parliament) adopted Friday with 125 votes in favour, 26 against and 10 abstentions, the new Press Law, after being presented to the legislative body on Thursday by the Ministry of Social Communication, Manuel Rabelais.

The vote in favour was contested by some MPs of the main opposition UNITA party, in a clear expression of agreement with the motives argued by the Minister, Manuel Rabelais, during the presentation session.

Amongst other arguments, Manuel Rabelais referred that the Press Law has the merit of being more extensive and updated, as well as perfectly in line with the country's current socio-political context.

Minister Rabelais also stressed that the diploma creates balance between press freedom and the citizen's personality rights and foresees the possibilities of encouragement towards Social Communication organs.

Provisions such as the prohibition of censure, the access to sources of information and other rights and duties constitute part of the adopted Press Law.

The document contains 90 Articles.