

## NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMITTEE

### Competences

In the exercise of its duties, the National Defence Committee is responsible for exercising its competences and performing political supervision in the areas of national defence and the armed forces, as well as maritime affairs overseen by the Ministry of National Defence.

The National Defence Committee is specifically responsible for:

- Considering, in conjunction with the competent parliamentary committee, the military implications of the treaties relating to national defence matters and, in the same terms, treaties on maritime affairs for which the Minister of National Defence is responsible;
- Monitoring the involvement of Portuguese military contingents abroad, especially those arising from Portugal's international military commitments or the participation of the armed forces in humanitarian and peace-keeping missions undertaken by international organisations of which Portugal is a member;
- Without prejudice to the competences of other parliamentary authorities, monitoring and considering Portugal's participation in the construction of a common EU defence policy, in its areas of competence;
- Monitoring the implementation of technical-military cooperation policy with Portuguese-speaking nations, without prejudice to the overall competence of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Portuguese Communities as regards cooperation policy.