

# ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC

## Law no. 36/2012, of 27 August 2012

Undertakes the first amendment to Law no. 6/97, of 1 March 1997, which authorises the broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings on the public and private cable TV networks, making it available via digital terrestrial television.

The Assembly of the Republic hereby decrees the following, pursuant to Article 161(c) of the Constitution:

### Article 1

Articles 1 and 2 of Law no. 6/97, of 1 March 1997, shall have the following wording:

#### “Article 1

[...]

1 – The Assembly of the Republic makes the signal of its internal video network available for the purpose of distributing parliamentary broadcasts on cable television networks and on the digital terrestrial broadcasters.

2 – The cable television operators broadcasting to the public and the operators licensed as digital terrestrial television broadcasters can freely transmit, via their relevant networks, the signal provided by the Assembly of the Republic, without introducing any advertising or items other than those arising under the regime approved by this law and any relevant supplementary instruments.

### Article 2

[...]

1 – All the cable operators broadcasting to the public and duly licensed digital terrestrial television broadcasters have access to the Assembly of the Republic video signal.

2 – The access established in (1) above is subject to:

a) .....

b) .....

c) Prior notice to ICP – National Communications Authority (*Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações*).”

### Article 2

Law no. 6/97, of 1 March 1997, is republished as an Annex to this law, whereof it is an integral part.  
Approved on 29 June 2012.

The President of the Assembly of the Republic, *Maria da Assunção A. Esteves*

Enacted on 14 August 2012. Let it be published.

The President of the Republic, ANÍBAL CAVACO SILVA.

Counter-signed on 17 August 2012.

The Prime Minister, *Pedro Passos Coelho*.

# ANNEX

## Republication of Law no. 6/97, of 1 March 1997

### Article 1

#### Object

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2 – The cable television operators broadcasting to the public and the operators licensed as digital terrestrial television broadcasters can freely transmit, via their relevant networks, the signal provided by the Assembly of the Republic, without introducing any advertising or items other than those arising under the regime approved by this law and any relevant supplementary instruments.

### Article 2

#### Access

1 – All the cable operators broadcasting to the public and duly licensed digital terrestrial television broadcasters have access to the Assembly of the Republic video signal.

2 – The access established in (1) above is subject to:

a) the definition through a resolution of the Assembly of the Republic of the general provisions pertaining to the features, schedules and other aspects of the programming of transmissions;

b) the signing of an agreement with the Assembly of the Republic in which the terms, conditions and framework rules for transmitting parliamentary work will be established;

c) prior notice to ICP – National Communications Authority (*Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações*).