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Law n° 2009-10 dated 16 February 2009, relating to the national institute of meteorology (1).

In the name of the People,

The Chamber of Deputies and the Chamber of Advisors having adopted,

The President of the Republic enacts the following law:

Article one - The national institute of meteorology is a public establishment of non administrative nature, endowed with a legal entity and a financial autonomy and it is submitted to the supervision of the Ministry charged of transport.

The national institute of meteorology is submitted in its relation with third parties to the commercial legislation.

Art. 2 - The missions of the national institute of meteorology are defined notably as follows:

- The satisfaction of the general needs concerning meteorology, geophysics and climatology regarding the different sectors of economy of the country and mainly the meteorological assistance to the aerial and maritime navigation and to the agriculture and tourism,

- The conception of programs and politics aiming at developing sectors of meteorology, geophysics and climatology by profiting from the technological and scientific progresses,

- The contribution to the setting of factors of the development sustainability through the participation in programs consecrated to the fields of protection of the environment, the preservation of the nature and the promotion of the life quality,

- The contribution to the protection of the persons and the properties against the risks caused by natural and industrial disasters and to the attenuation of their negative effects in coordinating with the different interested institutions,

- The technical coordination in the field of its competence of all the activities presenting meteorological and geophysical aspects,

- The management and the maintenance of the meteorological and geophysical data base.

Art. 3 - The national institute of meteorology collects the royalties related to the services that it provides.

These royalties shall be fixed by decree.

Art. 4 - The administrative and financial organization as well as the operating methods of the national institute of meteorology shall be fixed by decree.

Art. 5 - In case of dissolution of the national institute of meteorology, its patrimony will be returned to the State which will implement its commitments.

Art. 6 - Shall be repealed, all the prior provisions contrary to the law herein and notably paragraph 2 of article 67 and law n° 74-101 dated 25 December 1974, relating to the finance law for the year 1975.

The law herein shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Tunisia and implemented as law of the State.

Tunis, 16 February 2009.

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(1) Preparatory works :

Discussion and adoption by the Chamber of Deputies during its session held on 3 February 2009.

Discussion and adoption by the Chamber of Advisors during its session held on 12 February 2009.

CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL (*)

Opinion n° 02-2009 of the constitutional council, on the draft law related to the national institute of meteorology.

(*) This opinion is published only in Arabic and French.