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ORGANIC LAW FOR THE STREAMLINING AND OPTIMIZATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The Official Gazette N° 7,018 (Extraordinary) dated April 8, 2026, published the **Organic Law for the Streamlining and Optimization of Administrative Procedures**. The purpose of this law is “...to provide the regulatory framework and the authorization for the Public Administration to implement the mechanisms necessary to ensure greater agility and efficiency...” in the handling of administrative procedures, aimed at shortening processing and response times to citizens’ requests and petitions submitted to governmental authorities (Article 1).

The Law is essentially programmatic in nature, as it does not immediately simplify existing procedures but instead empowers the National Executive and public entities to issue implementing instruments required to give effect to the reform.

A summary of the Law’s principal provisions is set out below:

1. **Elimination of Procedures and Requirements**. The President of the Republic is vested with authority to suspend, reduce, modify, or eliminate administrative procedures, authorizations, permits, and requirements – within the limits of the law – whenever such measures contribute to reducing response times or facilitating procedures for interested parties (Article 6, paragraph 1). In general terms, paragraph 5 of the same article grants the President power to adopt “...any other measures that may be necessary and appropriate to achieve the streamlining and optimization of administrative procedures and processes of the State...” (Article 6, paragraph 5).
2. **Digitalization and Interoperability**. The President of the Republic may direct the digitalization of administrative procedures and the establishment of unified digital and interoperable one-stop platforms (Article 6, paragraphs 2 and 4). Each public body shall designate a unit responsible for interinstitutional data exchange; any unjustified delay or requirement of redundant documentation shall trigger the corresponding legal liability (Article 11).
3. **National Commission for the Streamlining and Optimization of Administrative Procedures**. The Commission shall be chaired by the President of the Republic and composed of the Executive Vice President, Sectoral Vice Presidents, two members of the National Assembly, two governors, two mayors, and one representative of the Office of the Ombudsman (Article 7). The Commission’s role is advisory: it shall evaluate and recommend measures to the President of the Republic, through popular consultation mechanisms and with the participation of the relevant economic sectors (Article 8).
4. **Institutional Adaptation Period**. Public bodies and entities shall have a period of one hundred and eighty (180) consecutive days to adjust their procedures to the principles of streamlining and optimization. Within the same timeframe, the liquidation of National Institute for the Efficient Management of Administrative Procedures and Permits (INGETI) must be completed, as ordered by the Law itself (Transitory Provisions One, Two, and Three).

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