

**INFORMATION NOTE ON THE DECREE-LAW NO. 678 OF 22 NOVEMBER 2016
ON THE MEASURES TAKEN UNDER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Aim:

This Decree-Law concerns certain amendments required to be made under the state of emergency.

Amendment as regards Strikes and Lock-outs:

Article 63 of the Law no. 6356 on Trade Unions and Collective Labour Agreements has been amended, and it has been regulated that a lawful strike or lock-out that has been called or commenced may be suspended by the Council of Ministers for 60 days with a decree if it is prejudicial to public health, national security, urban public transportation services of the metropolitan municipalities, or economic or financial stability in banking services.

Other amendments:

The Decree-Law introduces amendments in various fields such as security, national defence, banking and tender procedures.

Assessment and Conclusion:

As indicated by the amendments briefly explained above, measures have been taken in line with the requirements of national security, national defence, and financial stability.