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PRESIDENT VETOES "MORE HABITATION" LEGISLATION

The main measures of the More Habitation Plan, approved in a final vote in Parliament on 19th of July 2023, were vetoed on 21st of August 2023, by the President of the Republic.

The President of the Republic only promulgated the decree authorizing the Government to simplify urban planning and land-use planning procedures.

The remaining habitation measures, including forced leases, local accommodation and the end of the Golden Visas, have been returned to Parliament with the reasoning for the veto having occurred.

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The analysis of the diploma by Parliament will take place from the 15th day after the reception of the message which determined the political veto of the President of the Republic, and there are 3 possible scenarios:

- a) Parliament may introduce amendments, in which case the new decree is sent to the President of the Republic for promulgation again; or
- b) Parliament confirms the vote (which is likely in this case, since the Government has an absolute majority), in which case the President of the Republic must promulgate the diploma within 8 days of its receipt; or
- c) Parliament may not confirm the decree, in which case the legislative initiative cannot be renewed in the same legislative session.