



<p>OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC</p> <p>MINISTRY OF RELATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES</p>	<p>(stamp) OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC (illegible)</p> <p>06.20.19</p> <p>REPUBLIC OF GABON – MAIL RECEIVED – (handwritten) 50 (illegible) – WORK – JUSTICE</p> <p>(stamp) Special counsel (illegible)</p>
<p>(stamp) Conseil d'État</p> <p>Divisional President (signature)</p> <p>(handwritten) P.I</p> <p>(illegible text beneath stamp)</p>	<p>Decree (stamp) No. 0312/PR/MRIC on the establishment and organization of the National Maritime Council</p> <p>President of the Republic</p> <p>Head of State</p>

Having regard to the Constitution,

Having regard to Law No. 020/2005 of 3 January 2006 establishing the rules for the creation, organization and management of public services and its amendments,

Having regard to Law No. 002/2014 of 1 August 2014 on the orientation of sustainable development in the Gabonese Republic,

Having regard to Law No. 001/2005 of 4 February 2005 on the general status of the civil service and its amendments,

Having regard to Decree No. 0033/PR of 24 January 2014 appointing the Prime Minister, Head of Government,

Having regard to Decree No. 0040/PR of 28 January 2014 appointing the members of the Government of the Republic,

Having consulted the Conseil d'État,

Having heard the Council of Ministers,

Decrees:

#### Chapter I: Establishment and powers

Article 1: An institution is hereby created under the Presidency of the Republic to support the design and coordination of maritime policy, to be known as Conseil National de la Mer (the National Maritime Council), or CNM for short.

Article 2: The National Maritime Council is responsible for designing and coordinating government action related to:

- Defining the limits of Gabon's maritime territory and its rivers and lakes, and their development and security;
- Developing and protecting maritime, river and lake environments;
- Sustainable and optimal management of fishery, oil and mining resources;
- Transport and trade via seas, rivers and lakes.

The National Maritime Council may be seized of any matter that falls under its purview.

#### Chapter II: Organization

Article 3: The National Maritime Council operates under the authority of the President of the Republic. Its administrative and financial management are autonomous.

Article 4: The CNM comprises:

- The Strategic Committee
- The Technical Committee
- The Permanent Secretariat

#### Section I: Strategic Committee

Article 5: The Strategic Committee is the guiding and decision-making body of the National Maritime Council.

It is composed as follows:

The President of the Republic, Head of State, Chair;  
The Prime Minister, Head of Government, Vice-Chair;  
The Minister for Foreign Affairs, member;  
The Minister for Territorial Administration, member;  
The Minister for National Defence, member;  
The Minister for the Merchant Navy, member;  
The Minister for Customs, member;

The Minister for Fisheries, member;  
The Minister for Petroleum, member;  
The Minister for Mines, member;  
The Minister for the Environment, member;  
The Minister for National Parks, member;  
The Minister for Regional Planning, member;  
The Minister for Port Infrastructure, member;  
The Minister for Lands, member;  
The Minister for the Land Registry, member;  
The Minister for Tourism, member;  
The Minister for Scientific Research, member;  
The Minister for Public Works, member.

The Chair may invite to meetings of the CNM any other authority whose expertise is deemed useful for its work.

Article 6: The Strategic Committee shall meet when a meeting is called by the Chair, at least once a year.

#### Section II: Technical Committee

Article 7: Upon referral by the Permanent Secretariat, the Technical Committee shall examine the technical aspects of questions relating to the matters referred to in Article 2 above.

It shall formulate opinions and recommendations on such matters submitted to the Strategic Committee for a decision.

Article 8: The Technical Committee includes representatives of all the public and private entities involved in matters related to seas, rivers and lakes, in addition to the representative of the Presidency of the Republic, the Chair, and the representative of the office of the Prime Minister, the Vice-Chair:

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- The Chief of Staff of the National Navy, member;
- The Commander-in-Chief of the National Gendarmerie, member;
- The Director-General of Documentation and Immigration, member;
- The President of the National Committee of the Continental Plateau Extension Project, member;
- The Permanent Secretary of the National Border Commission, member;
- The Director-General of Maritime Law, member;
- The Director-General of the Merchant Navy, member;
- The Director-General of Customs, member;
- The Executive Secretary of the National Parks Agency, member;
- The Director-General of the Gabonese Agency for Space Studies and Observation, member;
- The Director-General of Fisheries and Aquaculture, member;
- The Director-General of Aquatic Ecosystems, member;
- The Director-General of the Environment, member;
- The Director-General of Tourism, member;

- The Director-General of Regional Planning, member;
- The Director-General of the Land Registry, member;
- The Director-General of Taxation, member;
- The Director-General of Hydrocarbons, member;
- The Director-General of Mines, member;
- The Director-General of the Office of Ports and Harbours of Gabon, member;
- The Director-General of the Gabonese Shipping Council, member;
- A representative of the fishing industry chosen by his or her peers, member;
- A representative of the oil industry chosen by his or her peers, member.

Article 9: The members of the Technical Committee are required to participate personally in the work of the Committee.

If a member of the Committee is unavailable, only the member's immediate deputy may represent the member.

Article 10: Members of the Technical Committee of the National Maritime Council are not remunerated for their work.

### Section III: Permanent Secretariat

Article 11: The Permanent Secretariat is the permanent organ of the National Maritime Council. It assists the Strategic Committee in devising measures relating to national maritime policy, the implementation of which remains the responsibility of the administrations in question.

The Council operates under the authority of a Permanent Secretary appointed by presidential decree from a group of first-category permanent or contractual public servants with at least ten years of professional experience, or from among the scientific and technical community of professionals qualified in the fields of competence of the National Maritime Council.

The Permanent Secretary shall be assisted by a deputy appointed in the same manner and under the same conditions.

Article 12: The Permanent Secretary is in charge of the daily management of the CNM.

In particular, the Secretary is responsible for:

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- Preparing the work of the Strategic Committee and the Technical Committee and managing the Secretariat;
- Coordinating the activities of the CNM.

The Secretary is the signing authority for the financial business of the CNM.

Article 13: The details of the organization of the Permanent Secretariat shall be determined by the prevailing legislation.

### Chapter III: Miscellaneous and final provisions

Article 14: The resources required for the operation of the National Maritime Council shall be drawn from the State budget.

Article 15: The provisions necessary for the application of the present decree shall be determined by regulatory legislation as required.

Article 16: The present decree shall be recorded and published pursuant to expedited procedures and disseminated as necessary.

Signed in Libreville on (stamp) 25 Sept. 2014  
{stamp} The President of the Republic  
(signature) Ali Bongo Ondimba

By the President of the Republic,  
Head of State

The Prime Minister,  
Head of Government

Pr. Daniel Ona Ondo  
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The Minister

Christian Magnana  
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