

**LAW NO. 2/2011**  
of 23 March

**Second Amendment to Law no. 3/2006 of 12 April**  
**(Statute of the National Liberation Combatants)**

The objective of this law is to correct the fact that the current Statute of the National Liberation Combatants does not ensure support for minor children in case of demise of the preferential beneficiary of the pension, that is, the surviving spouse. This amendment is also aimed at altering the representative structure of the National Liberation Combatants so as to better enable them to contribute to social harmony and national political stability.

Thus, pursuant to articles 11, 92, and 95.1 of the Constitution of the Republic, the National Parliament enacts the following to have the force of law:

Article 1  
(Amendments)

Articles 27 and 35 of Law no. 3/2006 of 12 April, as drafted by Law no. 9/2009 of 29 July, shall now read as follows:

Article 27  
(...)

1. (...)
2. (...)
3. (...)
4. (...)
5. (...)
6. (...)
7. (...)
8. (...)
9. (...)
10. (...)
11. (...)
12. (...)
13. (...).

14. Without prejudice to the preceding paragraph, where the beneficiary of the pension referred to in sub-paragraph a), paragraph 5, passes away and is survived by children of the Martyr or the National Liberation Combatant, the

surviving children shall be entitled to the pension until such time as they reach 21 years of age or complete their tertiary education where they are enrolled in, and effectively attend, an accredited tertiary education institution.

Article 35  
Council of the National Liberation Combatants

1. The Consultative Council of the National Liberation Combatants is hereby established as the sole body representing the interests of all National Liberation Combatants.
2. The Consultative Council of the National Liberation Combatants shall be Government's consultative body on matters relating to the interests of those veterans covered by this law as well as on other matters relating to the National Liberation Combatants.
3. The structure of the Consultative Council of the National Liberation Combatants shall be defined by Decree Law in consultation with the organisations representing the National Liberation Combatants.
4. The members of the Council of National Liberation Combatants shall be appointed by the Government after they have been elected by the Combatants in Congress.
5. For the purposes of paragraph 2 of this article, it shall be incumbent upon the Government to decide on the time and the matters over which it intends to hear the opinion of the Consultative Council of National Liberation Combatants.
6. The consultation meetings with the Government shall be convened and presided over by the Prime Minister or the Government Member to whom the Prime Minister delegates the respective powers.
7. The exercise of the functions of a member of the Consultative Council of the National Liberation Combatants shall not be remunerated, but the Government may grant a subsidy, to be defined by Decree, in support of its activities.
8. The Consultative Council of the National Liberation Combatants shall act as a consultative body of the Commission for Homage, Supervision and Registration of Resources so long as the latter is operational.

Article 2  
Entry into force

This law shall enter into force on the day after its publication.

Approved on 7 February 2011.

The Speaker of the National Parliament,

**Fernando Lasama de Araújo**

Enacted on 21 March 2011

For publication

The President of the Republic,

José Ramos-Horta