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Presidential Decree No. 56/18, of February 20, which established the exemption regime and simplified procedures of administrative acts for the granting of tourist visas, was recently approved.

The visa exemption for tourism applied to the Republic of Botswana, Mauritius, Seychelles, Zimbabwe and Singapore, was established on the basis of reciprocity and allows stays of up to 30 days per entry and 90 days per year, notwithstanding the existing border formalities. Late last year, the Republic of Angola applied similar exemptions, following agreements with South Africa and Mozambique.

In turn, the simplification of administrative acts for the granting of tourist visas covers 61 countries, including all those belonging to the European Union. In these cases, and whenever a tourist visa is granted for a period not exceeding 3 working days, the diplomatic and consular missions of the Republic of Angola should adopt a simplified procedure. In addition, any visa application can be submitted online, through the official Migration Services website, in order to obtain a pre-authorization, which should be presented at the border post.

This Decree, which will come into force on March 30, 2018, will put an end to one of the major obstacles to the entry of tourists in Angola: the requirement of a letter of invitation, by which a citizen residing in the country assumed the responsibility and invitation of the foreign citizen.

These measures will allow the boost of the tourism sector, expediting the entry of foreigners to Angola, which depends largely on the current visa policy in force.

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