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MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE
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Secretary General;
Inspectors General;
Presidents of Commission;
Presidents of Committees;
Technical Advisors;
Directors and others of equivalent Rank;
Heads of Provincial Structures.

PURPOSE: Prohibition of smoking in all Ministry structures

The recurring behavior has just been drawn to my attention of certain staff members or users, who, being smokers, fill the offices and hallways of the Ministry with the smoke from their cigarettes. As a result, this forces those around them to take in this smoke and inevitably subjects them to second-hand smoke.

In view of the hazardous and particularly harmful character of tobacco for human health, this reprehensible conduct exposes personnel to serious known illnesses, among them, lung cancer and heart disease, which can be fatal. Furthermore, the revolting odors left everywhere by these inveterate smokers, transform our ministerial departments into an unhealthy and constantly polluted environment.

Furthermore, the still-lit cigarette butts, thrown on the floor and into wastebaskets in offices pose a heightened risk of fire in the buildings. In the past, enormous material damage has been incurred by the State in the wake of such negligence.

The Ministry of Economy and Finance having hitherto been considered a smoke-free environment, I ask each of you insofar as it falls within your concern to respect the prohibition of smoking which I am establishing in all significant structures of the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

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