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The amendments to the Constitutional Law introduced in March 1991 through Law No. 12/91 were mainly aimed at creating the requisite constitutional framework for the establishment of multiparty democracy, broadening recognition and guarantees of the fundamental rights and freedoms of citizens, and constitutionally enshrining the basic principles of a market economy.

Since it was only a partial revision of the Constitutional Law, as necessary as it was urgent, some constitutionally appropriate and important aspects related to the organization of a democratic State based on the rule of law were quite rightly left to be properly dealt with in the Constitutional Law, through a second constitutional revision.

As a consequence of the constitutional enshrinement of the establishment of multiparty democracy and the signing, on 31 May 1991, of the Angola Peace Accords, for the first time in the country's history multiparty general elections based on direct and secret universal suffrage were held in September 1992 to chose the President of the Republic and Members of the future Parliament.

Without detracting from the powers of the National Assembly to amend the current Constitutional Law and approve the Constitution of the Republic of Angola, it has become indispensable to proceed with the immediate amendment of the Constitutional Law, as planned, aimed essentially at clarification of the political system, the separation of the functions and the interdependence of sovereign bodies, and also at making the status and guarantees of the Constitution explicit, in accordance with the enshrined principles of building a democratic State based on the rule of law in Angola.

It is indispensable to stability in the country and to the consolidation of peace and democracy that the nation's sovereign bodies, specifically those emerging from the September 1992 general elections, should have at their disposal a clear basic law related to the essential outlines of the political system, the powers of the nation's sovereign bodies, the organization and functioning of the State, until such time as the future legislative body