## Military Penal Code approved by Cuban Parliament

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The Cuban National People's Power Assembly (Parliament) on Thursday approved the Military Penal Code unanimously during the 1st Ordinary Session of its 10th Legislature.

The style commission that will make the pertinent arrangements was also approved and the rule will come into force 90 days after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cuba.

As explained by the president of the Cuban People's Supreme Court, Rubén Remigio Ferro, the code, in addition to complying with the constitutional postulates, guarantees the safeguarding of the State's armed institutions.

He emphasized that the regulation contributes to the establishment of order and military discipline, combative capacity and the confrontation of violations.

Remigio Ferro stressed that it is the result of a collective construction, from a working group, made up of the University of Havana, the Military University of Legal Sciences, the Ministries of the Armed Forces, the Interior and Justice, as well as the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic, the Military Prosecutor's Office, among other relevant institutions, which have met since November 2021. He pointed out that the draft bill was consulted with the deputies of the Cuban Legislative for their opinions, which allowed the text to have a more inclusive and precise language.

Remigio Ferro added that the law maintains the protection of the single command and reformulates, decriminalizes and adds new types of crimes such as harassment.

It is also in tune with the international legal instruments of which Cuba is a signatory and with the Constitution of the Republic. / PL.