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ENVIRONMENT – NEW RULES: BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND AMAZONIA'S NATIONAL COUNCIL

On February 11, 2020, the Decrees No. 10,235 and 10,239 were published, modifying the current regulation regarding the National Program for Biological Diversity ("PRONABIO") and establishing new rules for Amazonia's National Council ("Council"), respectively.

The main updates are:

i. **Decree No. 10,235**: changes the composition and powers of the Nacional Biodiversity Commission ("Commission"), an advisory entity designed to coordinate, monitor and evaluate the actions of PRONABIO.
ii. **Decree No. 10,239**: transfers the Council from the Ministry of Environment to the Vice-Presidency of the Republic and establishes new rules for its functioning, including powers, composition, quorum and the setting of quarterly meetings. Among the main purposes of the Decree, we highlight the enhancement of the State's participation in Amazonia and the coordination and integration of government actions on the subject.

The Decrees are effective as of publication date.

Veirano's environmental team is highly experienced on the subject and is available to provide further clarification.

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