

ANE evades its duty to make available information on the concession of the Ring Road to REVIMO, the installation of tolls and the tax fixing



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The Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) has requested the competent authorities, including the National Roads Administration (ANE) to provide copies of all documents that do not constitute classified material or State secrets regarding:

- i. The concession process for the Maputo Ring Road, including a copy of the contract signed between the **Government** and the company **REVIMO - Rede Viária de Moçambique, S.A.;**
- ii. The process of installing toll stations on the Maputo Ring Road;
- iii. The process (with detailed information) of setting the toll taxes to be paid by users of the Maputo Ring Road.

CDD requested the information in reference with a view to analyze its conformity with the law and with the public interest, taking into account the promotion of the safeguarding of the fundamental rights and freedoms of the citizens covered by the tolls in question.

In response, ANE refused to provide the such information, basing its decision on the existence of a dispute in the Administrative Court on the same matter, which was initiated by the CDD.

This is in fact the popular action filed by CDD requesting that the Administrative Court declare the illegality and the consequent suspension of the construction of tolls on the Maputo Ring Road, and force the Government to promote a public debate on the need and usefulness of tolls.

Another action filed by CDD before the Administrative Court is an injunction aimed at

stopping the start of the collection of tax tolls from users of the Maputo Ring Road, as of 1 February 2022.

ANE believes that CDD should have requested the aforementioned information before filing any action with the Administrative Court against the installation of tolls on the Maputo Ring Road.

However, ANE's position is inappropriate, since the proceedings underway in the Administrative Court do not, under any legal form, prevent the institution from placing the information requested by the CDD in the public domain.


ANE's response is, strictly speaking, indicative of the fact that there is no legal and fair process regarding the concession of the Maputo Ring Road to REVIMO and the corresponding installation of toll stations. If it exists and obeyed the law, why not make it available?



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