

EXERCISES

CHAPTER V

THE STATE AND THE PORTUGUESE CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM

1. Indicate three examples that illustrate the relationships between the Head of State, the Government and the Parliament in connection with the **legislative procedure**.
2. **Analyze the validity of the following acts, indicating all applicable legal provisions:**
 - 1) Given the proliferation and intensification of heinous crimes in Portugal, Members of Parliament decided unanimously to approve a law that reinstates the death penalty.
 - 2) The Government approved a law revising the Constitution which stipulated the possibility of the Central Power to appoint the members of Municipal organs and the organs of the Autonomous Regions.
 - 3) It was approved in the Parliament a law revoking the mandatory participation of women, with a percentage of 33%, in the lists for the Parliament.
 - 4) The President of the Republic, although not wanting to delay the entry into force of the State Budget for the current year, raised the preventive review of the constitutionality of several provisions contained in that diploma. His doubts were about the existence, as well as the vagueness and generic nature of the authorizations granted to the Government to legislate.
 - 5) The Government has amended its organic law, creating the office of Deputy Prime Minister, hitherto non-existent.
 - 6) The Government approved a decree-law, in which the parameters that will govern political associations are established, defining that only associations that envisage the political debate as a non-elitist activity will be consented.
3. Making use of the Portuguese Constitution, please indicate and characterize (i) the various functions of the State and (ii) the scope of the State, referring the relevant constitutional provisions **(2)**