According to the Orientation Guidelines of the General Health Authority – Direção Geral de Saúde (DGS) nr 6/2020 published on 26/02/2020, and following the orientations in the Dispatch nr 2836-A/2020 published on 02/03/2020, that establishes the implementation of measures to prevent the dissemination of the corona virus (COVID-19), I order that, during a period of at least 15 days on a row:

a) The effective start of the Contingency Plan of the University of Coimbra, attached to this dispatch. The Contingency Plan contemplates preventive measures to contain the dissemination of the COVID-19, maintaining at the same time the functioning of the Institution with a significant adaptation to a digital model. The Contingency Plan, among other aspects, contemplates isolation spaces in the 3 campuses, Faculty of Economics and Faculty of Sports and Physical Education;
b) That regarding the education activities, all presence classes will be suspended in the University of Coimbra and will be replaced by digital methods to promote distance learning in both theoretical and theoretical/practical components when it applies. The laboratory and theoretical/practical components that cannot be lectured using the above-mentioned means should be resumed as soon as possible;
c) That all the scientific, cultural and sportive events will be also suspended and postponed as well as the activities held in libraries, study rooms, touristic circuit, museums and the use of cultural and sports infrastructures such as the Coimbra`s university stadium and the Academic Theatre Gil Vicente;
d) All academic and professional mobilities within the country and abroad should be also suspended and postponed;
e) All canteens will function exclusively in take away service, avoiding the use of common spaces;
f) The exemption of the use of the automatic biometric data collection replacing it by online registration system;

The University will adapt itself, not jeopardizing its University Mission, considering the evolution of the epidemiological framework and the guidelines of the competent authorities. Rectoral Dispatch may adjust these measures or adopt new measures.

It is the responsibility of each Head of Unit, namely the Directors of the Organic Units and of the Cultural Extension Units and Support to the Education, as well as the UC and SASUC Administrators, and Head of Office the adoption, in coordination with the Supervision Commission established in the Contingency Plan, of the adequate measures to ensure the fulfilment of the present dispatch.

Coimbra, 9th March 2020
The Rector
Amílcar Falcão