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Invitation to a conference on “The role of Portugal in global governance – the contribution of parliamentarism” - 7 March 2023, 18:00 at the University of Geneva

Excellency,

The University of Geneva – the Centre d'études juridiques européennes (CEJE) and the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the UN and Other International Organizations in Geneva, in the context of the Official Visit to Switzerland of the Speaker of the Portuguese Parliament, Mr. Augusto Santos Silva, would like to invite you to participate in the Conference “*The role of Portugal in global governance – the contribution of parliamentarism*” next 7 March, at 18h00, at the University of Geneva, building Uni Mail, Bd du Pont d'Arve 40, CH - 1211 Genève 4, 2nd floor, room M2160.

Mr. Augusto Santos Silva has been the President of the *Assembleia da República* – Portuguese Parliament – since 29 March 2022, and served previously in four Constitutional Governments, including as Minister of Defence from 2009 to 2011, and Minister of State and Foreign Affairs between 2015 and 2022. As a sociologist and an engaged policy maker, Mr. Santos Silva will bring us a unique perspective of how Portugal positions itself in today's complex international context, being it within the European Union, NATO, the CPLP or the UN, particularly in Geneva and how parliamentarism and multilateral platforms of parliamentarians concur to international dialogue and efforts on behalf of peace, promotion and protection of human rights and sustainable development.

We believe this initiative will be also an excellent opportunity for an informal exchange between the Speaker of the Portuguese Parliament, and the diplomatic and academic communities in Geneva.

We hope you can honor us with your presence.

Best regards,



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