

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 3 April 2024

Dear Minister,

I am writing to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of State and Foreign Affairs of Portugal.

Since its accession to the Council of Europe, Portugal has played a steady role in upholding and fostering the values and principles that underpin our work. I would like to take this opportunity to express, in particular, my appreciation for Portugal's active role in promoting the global abolition of the death penalty. Your country is equally a very much appreciated supporter of our Organisation's neighbourhood policy, notably through the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, hosted in Lisbon.

The Council of Europe's Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government held in Reykjavík last year has not only confirmed the commitment to the values our Organisation stands for but also opened an ambitious course of future action. The active support of our member states remains crucial and I am confident that during your mandate, we will continue to rely on Portugal as we pursue our shared objectives.

I wish you every success in the exercise of your new functions, and I look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely,



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