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The Ombudsman Agenda

October 5<sup>th</sup>: The Portuguese Ombudsman attended at the City Hall of Lisbon the Celebratory Ceremony of the

Anniversary of the Establishment of the Portuguese Republic, presided by His Excellency the President.

October 8th: The Portuguese Ombudsman gave the Keynote Address entitled Letter to a young Judge (Carta a uma

ou a um jovem Magistrado) in the Opening Ceremony of the 31st Training Course for Judges and 3rd Normal

Training Course for Administrative and Tax Courts Judges, at the Center for Judicial Studies Auditorium,

Lisbon.

October 9th: The Ficus: Associação Cultural dos Atuais e Antigos Colaboradores do Provedor de Justiça (Ficus: Cultural

Association of Current and Former Employees of the Portuguese Ombudsman) started its activity, simply

promoted by the Ombudsman and on this day took place the first General Assembly at the auditorium of the

Salesianos, in Lisbon.

October 10th: The Portuguese Ombudsman as the National Human Rights Institution and defender of the

fundamental rights of citizens pointed out with a brief message, the World and European Day Against the Death

Penalty, underlining the fact that Portugal was one of the first countries in Europe abolishing this practice.

October 16<sup>th</sup>: The Portuguese Ombudsman attended the Opening Ceremony of the Academic Year 2014/2015,

at the Aula Magna of the University of Lisbon which included the award ceremony of the Prize University of Lisbon

2014 to Professor Adriano Moreira, outstanding member of the Advisory Council of the National Preventive

Mechanism Against Torture.

October 17th: The Portuguese Ombudsman as a defender of fundamental rights and as the National Human

Rights Institution marked with a short note on the institutional website, the International Day for the Eradication of

Poverty. This year's theme is Leave no one behind is: think, decide and act together against extreme poverty.

October 18th: The Portuguese Ombudsman as the National Human Rights Institution underlined with a brief

note the European Day Against Trafficking in Human Beings in order to promote community awareness of this

severe and unspeakable human rights violation.

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## News

- Secretary of State for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications has informed the Portuguese Ombudsman acknowledging the prescription of the public utility statement of the Regional Road of *Costa da Caparica / Fonte da Telha. More information...*
- The Portuguese Ombudsman marks the European Day against Trafficking in Human Beings. More information...
- The Portuguese Ombudsman marks the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. More information...