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The EPLO Institute for the Global Rule of Law Conference in Cascais, Lisbon, Portugal

The **EPLO Institute for the Global Rule of Law** will be holding an International conference on "*The Rule of Law and the Administration of Justice*" on **Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 January 2025** at Casa de Santa Maria, Headquarters of the EPLO Regional Branch, Cascais.

Program:

Saturday, 18 January

15:30-16:30 Opening Session

Spyridon Flogaitis, Director of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO)

Carlos Carreiras, Mayor of the Municipality of Cascais

Margarida Lima Rego, Dean of the NOVA School of Law, NOVA University of Lisbon

Keynote speech: Maria Lúcia Amaral, Ombudsperson of the Republic of Portugal

16:30-18:00 Session I - The Rule of Law and the Administration of Justice

President: António Mendes Oliveira, Chief of Staff of the President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Portugal, Judge of Law in the Administrative and Tax Courts

Rapporteurs:

Luis María Díez-Picazo, Judge at the Supreme Court of the Kingdom of Spain

José Igreja Matos, President of the Appeal Court of Porto and Vice-President of the Consultative Council of European Judges

Sergio Verdugo, Secretary General of the International Society of Public Law and Assistant Professor at IE Law School

Sunday, 19 January

10:00-11:15 Session II – Map of Contemporary Attacks on the Judiciary

President: Miguel de Serpa Soares, former Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United



Nations Legal Counsel

Rapporteurs:

Ana Maria Guerra Martins, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

Gilmar Ferreira Mendes, Justice of the Supreme Federal Court of the Federative Republic of Brazil

Marisol Peña Torres, former President of the Constitutional Court of Chile and Professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Session III – Social and Cultural Conditions of Judicial Independence

President: César Caniço, President of the Lisbon Regional Directorate of the Union of Public Prosecution Service Magistrates

Rapporteurs:

Lúcia da Luz Ribeiro, President of the Constitutional Court of Mozambique (video)

Vishnu Varunyou, Vice-President of the Supreme Administrative Court of the Kingdom of Thailand

13:00-13:30 Session IV – General Conclusions

President: David Feldman, University of Cambridge, UK

Rapporteur: Teresa Violante, Director of the EPLO Institute for the Global Rule of Law

13:30-14:30 Closing Lunch