



PROVEDOR DE JUSTIÇA

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## MEMORANDO

### ELECTION OF THE NEW PORTUGUESE PROVEDOR DE JUSTIÇA (PORTUGUESE OMBUDSMAN)

On 12th July 2013 by suggestion of the socialist group in Parliament (PS) and accepted by the Social Democratic group (PSD), the name of Prof. José de Faria Costa (PhD) was suggested as candidate to the position of Provedor de Justiça (Portuguese Ombudsman) to the President of the Parliament.

On 24th July 2013 Professor José de Faria Costa is elected by the Parliament with a two thirds qualified majority of the members present at the House of Parliament as Portuguese Provedor de Justiça.

On 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013, he took office as Provedor de Justiça in the House of Parliament for a four years term of office.

José de Faria Costa is a Cathedratric Professor in Law, in the field of criminal law, at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra. He is a member of several editorial boards of national and international academic journals in his field of expertise. He has partaken several legal reforms in the field of criminal law. He is also President of the Institute of Criminal Law and Economic Committee (IDPEE).

José de Faria Costa follows Mr. Conselheiro Alfredo José de Sousa in office.