



Resolution 601 (1975)¹

Situation in Portugal

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its [Resolution 563 \(1974\)](#), [Recommendation 740 \(1974\)](#) and [Resolution 593 \(1975\)](#), on the situation in Portugal ;
2. Welcoming the formation of a government whose composition and programme reflect the wishes freely expressed by the Portuguese people on 25 April 1975 ;
3. Noting that the grave economic difficulties facing Portugal have been further aggravated by the massive influx of refugees from Angola, and are now of such magnitude that the government cannot be expected to solve them without support from abroad ;
4. Considering that the government's programme gives precedence, in its foreign relations, to intensified relations with European organisations ;
5. Convinced that the chances of continued progress towards normal democratic conditions in Portugal will be jeopardised unless a rapid solution is found to the country's most pressing economic, social and administrative problems,
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7. Strongly urges, once again, the governments of the Council of Europe member states, whether bilaterally or through the Council of Europe, EEC or EFTA, to show their solidarity by taking immediate steps to provide the Portuguese Government with the substantial economic and financial, as well as administrative and technical, assistance it so urgently requires ;
8. Believes that such steps would further the establishment of democratic conditions as embodied in the Statute of the Council of Europe and in the European Convention on Human Rights, and lead to Portugal's future membership of the Council of Europe.

1. Assembly debate on 3 October 1975 (12th and 13th Sittings) (see [Doc. 3672](#), report of the Committee on European Non Member Countries ; and [Doc. 3673](#), opinion of the Political Affairs Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 3 October 1975 (13th Sitting).

