Resolution 563 (1974)[1]

Situation in Portugal

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Welcoming the removal of dictatorship in Portugal and the initiative taken by the new authorities to restore democracy and end the colonial war ;

2. Welcoming the fact that censorship has been abolished and that the political police has been disbanded ;

3. Welcoming the announcement that a civilian government will be formed in the next few weeks and that fully democratic elections will be held within a year ;

4. Underlining the importance of settling the future of the territories in Africa in accordance with the principle of self-determination and de-colonisation as expressed by the United Nations ;

5. Looking forward to the adherence of Portugal to the Council of Europe,

6. Appeals to the governments of member states to provide economic assistance to Portugal in view of the fact that unresolved economic problems would endanger the newly-won freedom.

1. Assembly debate on 9 May 1974 (5th Sitting) (see Doc. 3435, report of the Committee on European Non-Member Countries). Text adopted by the Assembly on 9 May 1974 (5th Sitting).