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The President of the Portuguese Republic
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The Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic
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Mr. Nuno Crato
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