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Message for World Portuguese Language Day

The proclamation of May 5 as the World Portuguese Language Day is a fair recognition of its global relevance.

A statement of diversity in itself, the Portuguese Language is being built in the daily life of several peoples from all continents, in a constant enrichment of its multiculturalism.

Assuming a fundamental role in the mobilization of knowledge, with an increasingly visible presence in various cultural facets, adding value to the global dynamics of the economy, science and international partnerships, Portuguese is effectively a language of global communication.

Echoing the "voice of the sea" and crossing all oceans, this language projects itself to the world from the CPLP.

I am especially honoured to have been one of the founders of this Community, which has deepened and strengthened, now gathering the interest of a growing number of associated observers.

As I have mentioned on other occasions, the CPLP is also, after all, the 'Community of Bridges of the Portuguese Language.

I am sure that these bridges will continue to be shaped by the shared and common values that guide us, which are also the values of effective multilateralism, and the future of the Portuguese language will continue to be enriched by the diversity of all its voices.