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**Domingos Fezas Vital
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Ambassador Domingos Fezas Vital is a career member of Portugal's Foreign Service and was named in 2015 as the Portuguese Ambassador to the United States. Fezas Vital was born in Luanda, Angola and earned a degree in social and legal sciences from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and a law degree from the University of Coimbra. He joined the Portuguese Foreign Service in 1984. He served first as an embassy attaché, becoming deputy to Foreign Affairs Minister João de Deus Pinheiro in 1987. In 1996, he became the diplomatic advisor to the Governor of Macau, General Vasco Rocha Vieira, where he coordinated border issues with China as Portugal prepared to hand over the colony in 1999. He later served as Consul General in São Paulo, Brazil. In 2002 Fezas Vital was named Deputy Permanent Representative to the European Union (EU) in Brussels, where he represented Portugal in the Kyoto Protocol negotiations. Amb. Fezas Vital also served as diplomatic advisor to Portuguese President of the Republic, Cavaco Silva. In 2012, Fezas Vital was named Permanent Representative to the EU, a post he held until becoming the Portuguese Ambassador to the United States of America.