



**OPINION AND AUDIT REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY STATEMENTS OF THE
PRESIDENCY OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC – FISCAL YEAR 2019 –**

The purpose of the audit of the financial and budgetary statements of the Presidency of the Portuguese Republic was to verify that these statements present adequately and appropriately, in all materially relevant respects, the financial position of the Presidency of the Portuguese Republic and its budgetary performance, as well as the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions, in order to support the issuance of the Portuguese Court of Auditors' Opinion. The Court made a favorable judgment, based on the financial audit carried out, which concluded that the Financial and Budgetary Statements present truly and appropriately, in all material respects, the financial position of the Presidency of the Portuguese Republic as at December 31, 2019, and of its financial and budgetary performance and its cash flows for the fiscal year of 2019, in accordance with the principles set out in the Public Administrations Accounting Standardization System (SNC-AP).

The audit found that: operations complied with the legal formalities regarding revenue and expenditure, this being verified on a sampling basis; the operations examined pertaining to staff salaries did not show errors of legal or regulatory compliance and no miscalculations were detected; The following measures are in progress: the revision and update of the Regulation of the Internal Control System; aggregation of all assets on a single inventory, including cultural assets, as well as regularly checking those loaned to the Presidency; implementation of the Collaboration Protocol with the Municipality of Cascais; an electronic attendance management and control system was acquired and installed; publicizing of contracts in the Public Procurement Portal (BaseGov); multiannual charges have been reported to the Budget Control Office (DGO); the State's Real Estate Data Base (SIIE) was updated with data on existing real estate of the Presidency; the Vehicle Pool Management Standard was approved; in the Notes to the Financial Statements and in the Management Report, potential effects of the COVID pandemic on the Presidency's activity for the year 2020 were disclosed.

The Court reiterated to the Management Board of the Presidency to carry on with: the revision/update of the Regulation of the Internal Control System and the development of a management accounting subsystem adapted to the legal framework of the applicable Accounting Standardization System (SNC-AP); the full implementation of existing rules and procedures for the safeguard and accounting of cultural assets, the aggregation of all assets in a single inventory, as well as the periodical verification of assets loaned to the Presidency; the reviewing and subsequent implementation of the Collaboration Protocol with the Municipality of Cascais regarding the Citadel Palace.