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## Conference Forced Returns and Fundamental Rights

On 5 December 2019, at Hotel H10, at Avenida Duque de Loulé, in Lisbon, a conference was held, organized by the Inspectorate General of Home Affairs (*Inspeção-Geral da Administração Interna* – IGAI), in the remit of the co-funded project 2018/FAMI/411, on the subject “Forced Returns and Fundamental Rights”.

The conference was mainly addressed at trainee inspectors of the Immigration and Borders Service (*Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras* – SEF) and it intended to bring to the debate several entities that have any kind of intervention in the process of the removal of persons from the national territory.

The Inspector General of Home Affairs, Ms Anabela Cabral Ferreira, Judge of the Court of Appeal, pronounced the opening speech of the conference.

This event also counted on the interventions of Ms Sónia Kietzmann Lopes, Judge of the Court of Lisbon Responsible for the Execution of Sentences (*Tribunal de Execução de Penas* – TEP), Mr João Cristóvão, Judge of the Administrative Central Court of Lisbon, Mr Carlos Pinto de Abreu, Lawyer, Ms Cristina Gatões, National Director of the Immigration and Borders Service, and Ms Raquel Poucochinho, Inspector of the Inspectorate General of Home Affairs.

Mr José Vilalonga, Deputy Inspector General of Home Affairs was the chair of the conference.

The subjects presented by the speakers on their interventions were the following:

- Ms Sónia Kietzmann – Forced Returns: practical questions concerning the articulation between TEP and SEF;
- Mr João Cristóvão – The Removal in Procedures of International Protection;

- Mr Carlos Pinto de Abreu – Forced Returns, Fundamental Rights and the role of the lawyer;
- Ms Cristina Gatões - Forced Returns: The experience of SEF;
- Ms Raquel Poucochinho – The Monitoring and the Safeguard of the Fundamental Rights.

These interventions were then the object of a debate at the end of which Mr José Vilalonga summarised them and presented the conclusions of this conference.

