[PT] High Authority Disagrees with Nomination of New Director General of RTP

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On 4 October 2001, the Alta Autoridade para a Comunicação Social (High Authority for the Media) issued for the first time a negative statement regarding the appointment of a General Director to the public service television company, Radiotelevisão Portuguesa (RTP).

According to Article 4 of Lei da Alta Autoridade para a Comunicação Social (Law nº 43/98 of 6 August), the nomination of the Director General of RTP requires a prior, reasoned and public judgment by the High Authority for the Media. In its statement, the High Authority considered that the changes in the functions of the new Director General would go too far, showing a lack of strategic orientation in RTP and giving over-broad powers to the new Director. The High Authority also stated that the professional merits of the candidate, Emídio Rangel, were not disputed, but it considered that when he had been Director General of the commercial television station, Sociedade Independente de Comunicação (SIC), Emídio Rangel had promoted news and programming which were the antithesis of public service television's obligations and duties.

The High Authority's judgment is not binding and Emídio Rangel was nominated by the company's board as its Director General.

Comunicado da Alta Autoridade para a Comunicação Social de 4 de Outubro de 2001

http://www.aacs.pt/bd/Comunicados/20011004.htm

Statement of the High Authority for the Media of 4 October 2001

Lei da Alta Autoridade para a Comunicação Social, Lei n.º 43/98 - de 6 de Agosto

http://www.aacs.pt/legislacao/lei_aacs.htm

Law on the High Authority for the Media, Law nº 43/98 of 6 August

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