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The Atlantic Centre at the Standing Bilateral Commission meeting in the USA

On 8 June, the 47th meeting of the Standing Bilateral Commission (SBC) between Portugal and the United States took place in Washington D.C., with the presence of the Atlantic Centre Coordinator, Licínia Simão.

The Atlantic Centre was one of the topics discussed in this format, which is the most important bilateral meeting between Portugal and the United States.

The excellent cooperation on Atlantic-centric issues was acknowledged in the final declaration, as was the involvement of both parties in highlighting the strategic importance of the Azores and the Lajes Air Base, and their potential for advancing Atlantic security cooperation.

The United States and Portugal reaffirmed their commitment, expressed in the Roadmap for the Atlantic Centre, to deepening ties in this area in the short-term, reinforcing their joint work in developing initiatives that seek whole-of-Atlantic solutions to complex problems across all four quadrants of the Atlantic in a logic of complementarity.

The SBC recognized the importance of Portugal to strengthening Atlantic security, economic sustainability, and growth, including the leadership of the Atlantic Centre.