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ISHR leader praises Cape Verde as model of Democracy and Human Rights

(Bonn, 12.02.2025) The president of the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) expressed “pride” on January 14, in noting that Cape Verde has a “strong parliamentary democracy”, highlighting that “the power of the people is in parliament.”

“We as the International Society for Human Rights are monitoring Cape Verde and we started this a year ago. We are very happy and proud to see that this is a strong parliamentary democracy,” he said.

Archbishop Thomas Schirmmacher made these statements in Praia after meeting with the president of the National Assembly, Austelino Correia.

During the meeting, the ISHR leader stated that parliament “has the real power” in the country, being respected by the other powers.

Schirmmacher also highlighted Cape Verde’s commitment to human rights and cooperation with the National Human Rights Commission, which, as he highlighted, has worked “effectively” on social issues.

The president of ISHR also took the opportunity to highlight the importance of greater cooperation between Cape Verdean institutions and international organizations.

This official acknowledged the challenges the country faces, such as poverty and the need for investment in areas such as social inclusion and accessibility and also praised the efforts of the Government and local authorities to overcome them.

On the other hand, he expressed interest in seeing the relationship between the archipelago and the German parliament deepened, having reiterated the commitment of the

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Austelino Tavares Correia, President of the National Assembly of Cabo Verde, meeting Thomas Schirmmacher, Matthias Boehning and Esther Schirmmacher for Strategic Talks on January 14, 2025 © BQ/Martin Warnecke

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International Society for Human Rights to support the Cape Verdean nation in its achievements and ongoing challenges in favor of justice and human dignity.



Correia and Schirmmacher exchanging ideas with a view to future cooperation © BQ/Martin Warnecke

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