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Eanes calls elections

From Joe Jolliffe in Lisbon
PRESIDENT Eanes yesterday formally dissolved Portugal's Parliament and announced general elections for December 2.

Portugal's 6.8 million voters will elect the country's third Parliament since the 1974 revolution overthrew Europe's longest-standing dictatorship.

Elections were decided on by President Eanes after all attempts to solve a parliamentary deadlock failed. None of Portugal's major political parties has a sufficient majority to govern alone, and it is feared the elections may not change this.

Portugal faces four elections between now and 1981. The December poll was triggered by the resignation of the Government of Professor Carlos Mata Pinto in June.

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