

1. How would you describe your family background?
- ✓ 2. What are your interests or hobbies outside work?
3. Apart from the Catholic Church, have there been any other major influences in your life?
- ✓ 4. What were your youthful ambitions and do you feel they have been realised? Did you always want to enter the world of politics and/or government?
5. According to O Tempo - July 26 - you decided at the age of 11 to study science in spite of your interest in literature, because it represented a greater challenge for a woman than the arts? Would you say that the urge to take up a challenge has been a major motivation force in your life? What else has motivated you to reach your present position?
- ✓ 6. Do you feel you are very different from most other women/Portuguese women? Do you think you are at the forefront of a trend in which more and more Portuguese women will look for careers instead of or as well as marriage and domesticity? Do you have any regrets at not having married?
7. You have championed women's rights both in world and Portuguese forums - has this ever brought you into conflict with the Catholic Church? (For eg. the 1978 change in the Civil Code regarding women's rights was not welcomed by the Catholic Church).
- ✓ 8. Could you explain the main functions of Graal and your own reasons for belonging to it?
- ✓ 9. You are described as a staunch Roman Catholic, a feminist and left wing - to many people this seems something of a contradiction - how do you feel about this?
10. You are also said to have a great interest in Third World affairs - could you say something about the areas and aspects that you feel most involved in?
11. What are your personal plans/ambitions for the future?

