

*THE TEN
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1. The **NEW STATE** is the coordination and synthesis of whatever is lasting in the genuine traditions of the nation, and whatever is new in its most advanced ideals. It is, in short, the ethical, social and political vanguard of the nation.
2. The **NEW STATE** is the pledge of the nation's independence and unity, of the stability of its organic forces, of the fruitful alliance of all its creative energies.
3. The **NEW STATE** is not controlled by any one class in society; it subordinates all classes to the higher ideal of national interest.
4. The **NEW STATE** repudiates the idea of «Authority without Liberty» equally with that of «Liberty without Authority». It takes its stand rather on **Authority and specific liberties**, as compatible and indeed mutually necessary factors.
5. In the **NEW STATE** the individual has his place in society as a member of natural groups viz: the Family, the Guild or Corporation and the Municipality, and as such he enjoys all necessary rights. The **NEW STATE** is concerned not with the abstract Rights of Man but with the concrete liberties of men.
6. «WITHOUT A STRONG EXECUTIVE NO STATE CAN BE STRONG». Parliamentarism subjected the Government to the tyranny of a political assembly largely conditioned by irresponsible and selfish party aims. The **NEW STATE** ensures that the State shall be strong, by providing for the security, independence and continuity of its rulers.
7. In the **NEW STATE**, national representation is not a matter of passing political thought. It is genuinely representative because it is effected through real and permanent organisations viz: the Family, the Guild or Corporation, the Municipality etc.
8. Every Portuguese has a right to the freedom and dignity of Life. Nevertheless, before anything else, the right of Portugal to that same freedom and dignity must be upheld by everyone. Common Good supersedes, **and indeed includes**, Individual Good. Salazar has said: «WE ARE BOUND TO SACRIFICE ALL ON BEHALF OF ALL; WE MAY NOT SACRIFICE ALL FOR A FEW».
9. The **NEW STATE** seeks to reinstate Portugal in her historic greatness—in the plenitude of her own civilisation as a great Empire. It wishes to make Portugal one of the greatest spiritual forces in the world of today.
10. The enemies of the **NEW STATE** are the enemies of the nation. In the service of the nation, that is, of Order, of the Common Good and of Equity, force may and should be used, for it is employed in the legitimate defence of the nation.

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