Portugal

Left Bloc doubles its number of MPs

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The coordinator of Portugal's Left Bloc, Francisco Louçã£, last night thanked the 550 thousand Portuguese who voted for the Bloco in yesterday's parliamentary elections, thus ensuring that it would more than double its parliamentary representation.

"Never before has a party achieved such an increase in percentage terms. The Left Bloc has shown that being a left alternative and fightback can defeat an absolute majority [of the Socialist Party]."

The Left Bloc will now be represented in parliament by 16 MPs.