

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

Date of Elections: 12 May 1980

Purpose of Elections

Elections were held for all the members of Parliament in the first such poll since the country attained independence in July 1975.

Characteristics of Parliament

The unicameral Parliament of Sao Tome and Principe, the National People's Assembly, is composed of 40 members elected for 4 years. It comprises the Political Bureau of the Movement for the Liberation of Sao Tome and Principe (MLSTP — the country's only legally recognized political group), members of the Government, 13 representatives of the Area Committees, 2 representatives of the Women's Organization, 2 representatives of the Youth Organization and 5 private citizens. All parliamentary candidates are nominated by the MLSTP.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE CIDP

Unless otherwise indicated, the publications listed below are obtainable from the Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Place du Petit-Saconnex, 1209 Geneva (Switzerland).

PARLIAMENTS OF THE WORLD: A Reference Compendium. A comparative study of 56 Parliaments in a series of 70 tables preceded by explanatory texts. Pp. 985. (London, The Macmillan Press Ltd., 1976). French edition of 881 pages published by Presses universitaires de France, Paris. On sale in bookshops and, for members of the Union, at the Inter-Parliamentary Secretariat, at the reduced price of Sw. Fr. 105.—. English version out of print.

SERIES "REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS"

Nos. 1, 2 and 3 out of print

No. 4 The Member of Parliament: His Requirements for Information in the Modern World

Volume I: Bilingual verbatim record of debates of the 3rd Inter-Parliamentary Symposium, held in Geneva from 18 to 20 January 1973. Pp. 329.

Volume II: *Synthesiofthe Inquiry on the MP's MeansofInformation*. Geneva, 1973. Pp. 128*.

Both volumes. Sw. Fr. 25.—

No. 5 Who Legislates in the Modern World?

Bilingual verbatim record of debates of the 4th Inter-Parliamentary Symposium, held in Geneva from 29 to 31 January 1976. Pp. 281. » 22.—

No. 6 Provisions for the Information of Members of Parliament concerning the Activities of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies

Findings of an Inquiry. Geneva, 1977. Pp. 45*. » 7.—

No. 7 World-Wide Bibliography on Parliaments

Bilingual. Geneva. 1978. Pp. 440. » 35.—

No. 8 Parliaments and the United Nations

Bilingual verbatim record of debates of the 5th Inter-Parliamentary Symposium, held in Geneva from 27 to 29 April 1978. Pp. 252. » 23.—

No. 9 World-Wide Bibliography on Parliaments - Volume II (1977-1979)

Bilingual. Geneva, 1980. Pp. 290. » 27.—

CHRONICLE OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS**

I. / July 1966 - 30 June 1967.

Bilingual edition (French-English). » 7.—

II. / July 1967 - 30 June 1978*. » 10.—

III. / July 1968 - 30 June 1969*. » 15.—

IV. (1 July 1969-30 June 1970) to XV (1 July 1980-30 June 1981)*. » 30.—

French edition also available.

Prior to volume XII (1977-1978), this work was entitled "Chronicle of Parliamentary Elections"