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She worked as public prosecutor at the Lisbon Criminal Court, where she was responsible for procedural acts in investigations into the most serious offences. She was also prosecutor at the Lisbon Administrative Court, responsible for representing the public interest and preparing cases/appeals to be submitted to the higher courts. In the course of her previous activities, in the Secretariat of the European Commission of Human Rights, Ms Rodrigues was responsible for examining individual applications from the viewpoint of the European Convention on Human Rights and for drafting complaints to be submitted to the European Court of Human Rights.

Today, Ms Rodrigues is deputy Director General of the Portuguese Immigration Service, and her main duties comprise co-ordinating investigations at national level and tax inquiries so as to prevent and eliminate trafficking in human beings and protect the victims of this crime.