

STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR BENEDICTO FONSECA FILHO AT THE GAC MEETING WITH THE ICANN BOARD ON OCCASION OF ICANN55 (MARRAKECH, 9 MARCH 2016)

On behalf of the Brazilian government, I would like to express our deepest disappointment with the manner through which the President and CEO of ICANN depicted Brazil's positions on Internet Governance in his summary of tenure letter addressed to the ICANN Board of Directors.

*By referring to **"The pressure from governments such as Brazil... to bring the IANA Functions under control of the United Nations via a multilateral instead of multistakeholder governance model"**, Mr. Fadi Chehadé has mistakenly portrayed our positions, therefore conveying a misleading message with respect to Brazil's engagement in ICANN.*

Brazil has, on the contrary, consistently championed that the multistakeholder bottom-up governance model adopted within ICANN is the most suitable for the management of Internet critical resources. In that context, we have unequivocally supported the notion that the existing regime should not be replaced by an exclusively government-led institution.

It is no secret that, in line with the World Summit on the Information Society outcome documents, Brazil is of the view that the post-transition phase should ensure the establishment of appropriate mechanisms through which all stakeholders, including governments, should be able to fully exercise their roles and responsibilities. Our views on how this should take place may differ from those held by other stakeholders. However, this should not be interpreted as a rebuke of the multistakeholder model.

Our strong advocacy for the multistakeholder approach extends beyond ICANN. It must be recalled that Brazil has hosted in São Paulo, in April 2014, the Global Multistakeholder Meeting on the Future of Internet Governance – NETmundial. In preparation for that event, President Dilma Rousseff herself stressed the importance of inviting not only governments but also representatives of all non-governmental stakeholder groups to discuss the principles for Internet Governance and to set a Roadmap for the Future Evolution of the Internet Governance. Brazil is proud of having hosted NETmundial and acknowledges the indispensable role the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee (CGI.br) has played in its successful organization.

Brazil is also the only country so far to have organized two editions of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). Furthermore, Brazil has put forth a series of domestic initiatives that undeniably attest our country's adherence to a governance model of the Internet whose basic tenets are openness, transparency and collective participation. Besides the establishment of CGI.br in 1995, President Rousseff enacted in April 2014 the "Marco Civil da Internet", a legal framework that received inputs from thousands of local Internet users.

Once again, on behalf of the Brazilian Government, I would like to underscore our discontent with the ill-informed assessment of Brazil's positions as per the President and CEO's summary of tenure letter and, in that context, would kindly request that the text of this statement be posted in ICANN's website alongside Mr. Chehadé's letter.