

## Brazil Wants to Take the Internet Out of US Control

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Brazil is in favor of the creation of an international forum to discuss issues related to worldwide internet governance through the definition of international policies and agreements.

This proposal was presented this week in Geneva (Switzerland), at the preparatory meeting for the 2nd World Summit of the Society of Information, which will be held in November in Tunis (Tunisia).

For the past 10 years the Internet Management Committee has been responsible for the development of the network in Brazil, with societal participation in decisions regarding the implantation, administration, and utilization of its resources.

This model can serve as a basis for changes in the current system by which the Internet is administered and will be proposed by the Internet Governance Work Group, which operates in the context of the United Nations (UN) and in which Brazil participates.

The secretary of Information Logistics and Technology in the Ministry of Planning, Rogério Santanna, who is a member of the Brazilian delegation in Geneva, said that "the way it is being run, the Internet involves an automatic cost increase or a nearly immediate sacrifice of the right to use the designated domain for one's geographic region or brand."

This process is currently in the hands of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (Icann), which has its headquarters in the United States.

At the meeting, the participants proposed the creation of the Global Internet Council (GIC), providing for the active participation of governments in decisions on strategic issues involving the Internet.

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