



**MINUTES OF THE DISCUSSION PANEL “DIGITAL
INCLUSION: THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT
AUTHORITIES AND PARLIAMENT FOR THE
INFOINCLUSION” OF THE III GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
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Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Chamber of Deputies, Brasilia, Brazil

Deputy Pedro Chaves, from Brazil, declared the meeting was open at 2:50 p.m. He welcomed the Parliamentarians present, further to the other participants and observers, and declared the panel was open with the following composition:

Deputy Pedro Chaves (Brazil)	Chairperson
Deputy Sadeghzadeh Sheikhan (Iran)	Co-Chairperson
Deputy Marcelo Barbieri (Brazil)	Co-Chairperson
Mr. Rodrigo Rollemberg (Brazil), Secretary of Social Inclusion for the Federal Science and Technology Department, in representation of Deputy Eduardo Campos, Minister of Science and Technology in Brazil	Key-note speaker



Mr. Marcelo Lopes (Brazil), Secretary of Key-note speaker
 Information Policy for the Federal Science
 and Technology Department, in
 representation of Deputy Eduardo Campos,
 Minister of Science and Technology in Brazil

Deputy Kim Hyo Seuk (Republic of Korea) Key-note speaker

Dr. Ives Gandra Martins (Brazil), tax and Key-note speaker
 constitution expert

Deputy Walter Pinheiro (Brazil) Panelist

Senator Angel Tilvar (Romania) Panelist

Parliamentarian Saeed Tarad Jrman (Saudi Arabia) Panelist

Deputy Kudeb Saikrachang (Thailand) Panelist

Mr. Aniceto de F. Emílio Pedro (Angola) Participant

Deputy Cândida Maria G. Narciso (Angola) Participant

Mr. João Francisco Antônio (Angola) Participant

Parliamentarian Fahad N Al Aboud (Saudi Arabia) Participant

Mr. Anas A Binsaeed (Saudi Arabia) Participant

Parliamentarian Claude Marinower (Belgium) Participant

Councilor Apolinar Aguilar (Bolivia) Participant

Parliamentarian Jordi Vilajoana (Spain) Participant

Deputy Isaura Navarro (Spain) Participant

Senator José Manuel Barquero Vazquez (Spain) Participant



Mr. Eduardo Garcia Algora (Spain)	Participant
Mr. Javier de Andrés Blasco (Spain)	Participant
Deputy Hanna-Leena Hemming (Finland)	Participant
Deputy Jyrki J. J. Kasvi (Finland)	Participant
Deputy Julio Cesar Córdoba Martínez (Mexico)	Participant
Deputy Kim Duk Kyu (Republic of Korea)	Participant
Mr. Lee Joon (Republic of Korea)	Participant
Mr. Lee Sang Jin (Republic of Korea)	Participant
Mr. Oh Jin Young (Republic of Korea)	Participant
Deputy Valeriu Alexandru Ungureanu (Romania)	Participant
Ms. Adriana Badea (Romania)	Participant
Councilor Minister Touchayoot Pakdi (Thailand)	Participant
Mr. Kittti Saereeprayoon (Thailand)	Participant

Promptly upon, Deputy Pedro Chaves invited Deputy Ramezanali Sadeghzadeh Sheikhan, from Iran, to co-rule the panel. He also invited, for composing the Board, Mr. Rodrigo Rollemberg, Mr. Marcelo Lopes, Dr. Ives Gandra Martins, and Deputy Kim Hyo Seuk, from Republic of Korea.

The members of the board gave their presentations promptly upon.

1. Mr. Rodrigo Rollemberg, (Brazil)

Mr. Rodrigo Rollemberg set out that Brazil faces an accentuated process of digital exclusion. Approximately 79% of Brazilian citizens do not use computers. Only 14% have access to Internet. A big portion of such



excluded people resides in urban areas. He set out that the digital inclusion is a factor of improvement in citizen's quality of life, access to information, and reduction of regional and social unevenness. He presented the main digital inclusion projects conducted by the government, with an emphasis for the Connected PC, which intends to provide computers and access to Internet at low cost, upon making available tax exemption to suppliers; the "Casa Brasil" Project (House Brazil), which shall implement, on a trial basis, 90 centers with 20 computers of free access, educational and cultural activities, auditorium, communitarian radio studio and public mail services, and popular bank; and the Giga Network, which interconnects universities and research institutes in an extremely high speed. He observed, after all, that the resources allocated to such projects arise from individual and bench parliamentary amendments. The Federal Science and Technology Ministry has negotiated with Parliamentarians the best manner for carrying out such projects, and it has made covenants with States for incorporating funds to the respective State Science and Technology Secretaries.

2. Mr. Marcelo Lopes (Brazil)

Mr. Marcelo Lopes presented, in his turn, the Brazil Technology Network Project, by which the Federal Science and Technology Ministry administers a network which research companies and institutions are associated to. The network is used for disclosing business opportunities among participants, and for making partnerships between companies and the academy. The projects formed as such may be financed by public funds arising from sectorial funds.

3. Ives Gandra Martins, Esq. (Brazil)



Ives Gandra Martins, Esq., focused his presentation in tax issues related to ICTs. First of all, he provided a succinct of Brazilian tax structure, setting out the existing diversity of taxes and contributions. He pointed out the need of simplifying the tax system as regards the circulation and consumption of goods and services. In discussing the taxation levied on software, he observed that the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court established a distinction between the shelf software, supplied to the general public, and the customized software, with the state tax to be levied in the first case, and the municipal tax to be levied in the second one. He remembered that the problem became more complex after the pronouncement of the Federal Supreme Court to the effect that the copyright assignment features the rental of an asset, and not the provision of a service, with the tax corresponding to the latter taxable event becoming inapplicable, which should lead the software, which has its copyrights protected by the Brazilian law, to become exempt from indirect taxes. He finally stated that the so called “Goodness Provisional Measure” being discussed at the Executive Branch, which intends to reduce the tax burden applicable to technology companies deserves attention, emphasizing that tax disburden is an important instrument for leveraging social inclusion.

4. Parliamentarian Kim Hyo Seuk (Republic of Korea)

The representative of Republic of Korea discussed the strategy adopted by his country for furthering ITs in the next years, emphasizing that it is a combination of communication, telematics and contents services, communication infrastructure and strategic products. He pointed out the importance given to broad band mobile Internet and digital mobile television. As per the digital exclusion, he acknowledged that it is a



persisting phenomenon, and that it is demanding special efforts from the government, upon the expansion of access networks, wide education in ITs, and a proper organizational and legal landmark. The country intends to comprehend rural population as a whole, and to implement a “digital life” project for citizens’ access to education, work, health, and security. He finally set out the efforts in the support to other countries, by structuring access centers, training people, and sending volunteer teams.

The Chairperson for the panel thanked the presentations and invited Deputy Marcelo Barbieri to occupy his place. The Parliamentarian assumed the shared direction of works, inviting Deputy Walter Pinheiro, from Brazil, Senator Angel Tilvar, from Romania, Parliamentarian Saeed Tarad Jrman, from Saudi Arabia, and Deputy Kudeb Saikrachang, from Thailand.

5. Deputy Walter Pinheiro (Brazil)

The representative of the Brazilian delegation started his presentation mentioning the importance of digital inclusion for overcoming both social unevenness and technologic gap among countries, which is deepened since the industrial revolution. He ascertained that information is a domination instrument, through the control on the production and distribution of the contents circulating in the world communication infrastructure. He remembered that developed countries applied public investments in R&D, as it is the case of USA and Japan. In examining Brazil’s track he observed that in the 70s, the country availed of a local market protection policy, which resulted in the appearing of an industrial park and qualified professionals. As such a model failed in the 90s, the commercial opening caused the closing of many of such companies.



Today, Brazil counts on an open and wide market for servicing consumers, but it has a deficit in the trade balance to the order of US\$ 6 billions for telecommunications and US\$ 1 billion for software. Therefore, the option for the free software, further to serve for professionals' formation, creation of employments, and digital inclusion, shall promote a reduction of such a deficit.

6. Senator Angel Tilvar (Romania)

The Romanian Senator remembered that the Parliament has commitments with the civil society to the effect of elevating the potential of popular participation and operating as a control body. Among the legislative acts effectuated in his country, he reported the establishment of laws on the freedom of access to public information, the transparency of public functions, the corruption fight, the integration of the electronic government in a national system, and the availability of public services through Internet. He observed that the Parliament consolidated the press and public relations services, and updated its website, allowing a broad disclosure of legislative information and interaction between the citizen and the representatives thereof, who can, on an easier basis, supervise the local implementation of government projects. The legislator's two guidelines, in his view, would be of ensuring that ICT leads to an inclusive and equalitarian society, and avoids the use of Internet for activities associated to radicalism, terrorism, or any form of prejudice.

7. Parliamentarian Saeed Tarad Jrman (Saudi Arabia)

Parliamentarian Saeed Tarad Jrman, from Saudi Arabia, presented the main challenges faced by his country, setting out that a reference landmark is being adopted on a three-dimension basis: environment, which includes the market regulation and communication infrastructure;



availability, whether on an individual, corporate or government basis; and use, with the same unfoldments. He remembered that nowadays, approximately 6% of population has access to Internet, and the country intends to increase such a number to 30%. Two key challenges for such shall be the inclusion of all social groups and the increase of contents in the native Internet language, currently with less than 1% of the total web contents, in complete disagreement with the portion of people in the world speaking such a language.

Deputy Kudeb Saikrachang, from Thailand, declined flooring. Deputy Marcelo Barbieri and Parliamentarian Ramezanali Sadeghzadeh Sheikhan adjourned works at 6:00 p.m.












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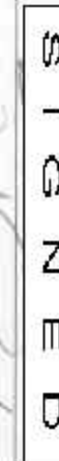





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