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LACNIC's Letter of Support for the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee (CGI.br)

The Internet Addresses Registry for Latin America and the Caribbean (LACNIC)¹, wishes to express its strong support for the multistakeholder Internet governance model that has guided the work of the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee (CGI.br) for the past 30 years.

CGI.br has been an exemplary pillar both for the region and globally. Its balanced representation structure, which includes government, the private sector, the scientific and technological community, and civil society, has ensured that decision-making is grounded on consensus, technical evidence, and the collective interest.

CGI.br's leadership has transcended Brazil's borders, actively contributing to global governance spaces such as the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and strengthening regional processes such as the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Governance Forum (LACIGF). CGI.br has been responsible for successfully coordinating the implementation of key policies for Internet development in Brazil, including *Marco Civil da Internet*, as well as the establishment of NIC.br and its centers, CERT.br, CETIC.br, CEPTRO.br, CEWEB.br, and IX.br. This multistakeholder commitment was a key element in the creation of LACNIC at the turn of the century, as part of the efforts to create open and participatory spaces for the technical coordination of the Internet, in this case, for the management of Internet number resources in our region.

We observe with concern the progress of Bills 4557/2024, 2877/2025, and PLP 153/2025 currently under discussion in the Brazilian National Congress. Among other aspects, these bills seek to subordinate the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee (CGI.br) to ANATEL, the telecommunications sector regulator. This would represent a fundamental shift in the country's Internet governance structure, eliminating the multistakeholder autonomy that has characterized CGI.br since its inception. Among other implications, ANATEL would directly assume responsibility for the coordination of IP address assignment and registration in Brazil. This measure would mark a departure from the technical and collaborative model

¹ LACNIC is the Internet Addresses Registry for Latin America and the Caribbean, an international non-government organization established in Uruguay in 2002. It is responsible for assigning and managing Internet number resources (IPv4 and IPv6), autonomous system numbers, and reverse Resolution for the region.



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that has been widely recognized internationally and the principles of the ICP-2² document, which promotes operational independence and neutrality in the management of critical Internet resources. We believe that this institutional restructuring might weaken the foundations of participation, legitimacy, and effectiveness that have positioned Brazil as a global leader and undermine established regional commitments, this being a unique case at the regional level.

This is compounded by ANATEL's recent decision to repeal Regulation 4/1995, which for decades clearly established the separation between telecommunications services and value-added services, such as Internet access. This measure represents a shift in regulatory direction that threatens to centralize control of key aspects of Internet infrastructure in the hands of a single entity with a sector-specific focus, blurring the multistakeholder role that has characterized the technical coordination of the Internet in Brazil.

It is important to highlight that the Internet is an open, collectively constructed tool. It is easily scalable, flexible to new network technologies, adaptable to new applications, and resilient to environmental changes. These factors³ are what have allowed it to achieve the sustained growth we are witnessing and which, if undermined, would put it at risk. Maintaining them requires technical coordination among entities with specific, well-defined purposes, which cannot be exercised by any particular country or group of people. These are the factors which CGI.br, along with the global Internet community, have consistently advocated for and which have contributed to the sustained growth of the Internet.

Brazil has built a unique model of multistakeholder Internet coordination, founded on principles such as net neutrality, freedom of expression, protection of privacy, and universal access. Undermining these achievements would not only have national consequences but would also negatively affect Brazil's regional leadership in advocating for an open, secure, and trustworthy Internet.

LACNIC invites Brazilian legislators and the Brazilian regulatory body to reconsider the impact of these changes and proposals, and to preserve the essence and autonomy of CGI.br as an institutional asset of the country and a global benchmark. We encourage that any reform to Brazil's Internet governance model be discussed in an open, inclusive, and multistakeholder environment, in line with international best practices and the principles of democratic governance.

We reiterate our commitment to the multistakeholder Internet governance model in Latin

² <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/new-rirs-criteria-2012-02-25-en>

³ https://report.analysysmason.com/internet_success_factors/#internet-study



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America and the Caribbean, and our willingness to continue working with CGI.br and all stakeholders to strengthen an open, secure, and trustworthy Internet for all. We are confident that Brazil, as a regional and global leader in this area, will continue to be an example of openness, inclusion, and effectiveness for the world.

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