

# Press Releases: U.S.-Brazil Bilateral Cooperation on Cyber and Internet Policy

Media Note  
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The text of the following joint statement was issued by the governments of the United States and Brazil following the third meeting of the U.S.-Brazil Internet and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Working Group, April 25-26, 2018.

**Begin text:**

Senior representatives and other non-governmental stakeholders from the United States and Brazil participated in the U.S.-Brazil Internet and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Working Group to strengthen our joint commitment to an open, interoperable, reliable, and secure cyberspace.

The meeting focused on key cyber and Internet policy topics, such as cybersecurity, data protection, and the free flow of data in the digital age. Officials also discussed recent developments in the field of international security in cyberspace. Working Group discussions facilitated ongoing engagement on cyber and ICT issues in relevant regional and international fora. The dialogue further affirmed our partnership in cyber defense and combatting cybercrime.

Mr. Robert Strayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber and International Communications and Information Policy at the U.S. Department of State, led the U.S. government interagency delegation that included representatives from the Department of State, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the National Security Council, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Commerce. Experts from the U.S. Trade Representative's Office, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Federal Trade Commission also participated in the Working Group.

Ambassador Benedicto Fonseca Filho, Director of the Department of Science, Technology, and Innovation at the Ministry of External Relations, and Thiago Camargo, Secretary for Digital Policy at the Ministry of Science, Technology,

Innovation, and Communications, led the Brazilian delegation. The Brazilian delegation also included officials from the Office of the Presidency, Institutional Security Cabinet, Cyber Defense Command, the telecommunications regulatory body Anatel, as well as Brazilian Embassy Attachés from the Federal Policy, Ministry of Defense, and Brazilian Intelligence Agency.

The United States and Brazil agreed to explore a series of technical exchanges and conduct consultations to share best practices on data protection, cross border data flows, ICT procurement, international security in cyberspace, cybersecurity, and military and law enforcement cooperation. The delegations committed to work towards consensus on issues of mutual priority at the International Telecommunication Union in the lead-up to the 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference, in the Inter-American Telecommunication Union, and in other relevant international arenas. The Department of State will share these outcomes and follow-on activities with the non-governmental stakeholders that participated in the Working Group.

For updates on U.S. cyber and Internet policy, follow DAS Strayer and the Economic and Business Affairs Bureau at [@StateCIP](#) or the State Department's Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues at [@State\\_Cyber](#) on Twitter. Please send interview requests to [SCCI\\_Press@state.gov](mailto:SCCI_Press@state.gov) and [EB-A-PD-Clearances@state.gov](mailto:EB-A-PD-Clearances@state.gov).

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## **[Press Releases: Secretary Pompeo's Calls With French Foreign Minister Le Drian, UK Foreign Secretary Johnson, and German Foreign Minister Maas](#)**

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:□

Secretary Pompeo has spoken over the last several days with French Foreign Minister Le Drian, UK Foreign Secretary Johnson, and German Foreign Minister Maas. The Secretary underlined that the United States and our European allies share strong interests in preventing Iran from ever developing a nuclear weapon and in countering the Iranian regime's destabilizing activities in the region. The Secretary highlighted the good work that we have done over the past several months to address our common threats and said that he is hopeful we can continue strong cooperation moving forward.

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## [Press Releases: On the Opening of U.S. Embassy Jerusalem](#)

Press Statement  
Mike Pompeo

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
May 14, 2018

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Today I am proud to celebrate the opening of the United States Embassy to Israel in Jerusalem. This significant event fulfills a promise made by President Trump. As he proclaimed on December 6, 2017, "Seventy years ago, the United States, under President Truman, recognized the State of Israel. Since then, the State of Israel has made its capital in Jerusalem – the

capital the Jewish people established in ancient times. It is therefore appropriate for the United States to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital."

We remain committed to advancing a lasting and comprehensive peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

I am delighted to have visited Israel on my first trip overseas as Secretary of State. I look forward to returning soon to visit our new U.S. embassy and Ambassador Friedman in Jerusalem.

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## [Press Releases: Paraguay National Day](#)

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Mike Pompeo

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On behalf of President Trump and the people of the United States, I offer congratulations on the 207th anniversary of Paraguay's independence.

For 165 years, our two countries have been close friends, partners, and allies. This year, in particular, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Kansas Paraguay Partnership, which has enabled thousands of Paraguayans and Kansans to bond through cultural, educational, and professional exchange.

We share a partnership based on a common commitment to increase economic opportunity, to promote human rights, and to strengthen transparent and responsive democratic institutions. Paraguay's outspoken leadership defending democracy and human rights in Venezuela is an example for the international

community and is a testament to the shared democratic values that make our relationship so robust.

I also congratulate you once again on a successful election in April 2018. Your continuing commitment to democratic values connects our peoples as we work together to confront the challenges of the 21st century.

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## **Press Releases: Timor-Leste** **Parliamentary Elections**

Press Statement  
Heather Nauert

Department Spokesperson

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The United States congratulates the people of Timor-Leste for participating in peaceful and credible national parliamentary elections on May 12. We commend the national election bodies for their management of the elections. We also appreciate the engagement of international and domestic observers, particularly those from Timorese civil society.

This achievement represents another major milestone in Timor-Leste's young democracy. We applaud all political parties for their participation and look forward to working with the new government to deepen the strong ties between the United States and Timor-Leste.

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