

## Press Statement on Brazil's Marco Civil

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**PASIFIKA NEXUS** congratulates the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies on the approval of the **Marco Civil da Internet** by the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies. The Marco Civil will now be passed to the Senate to debate and discuss its approval. The current version of the text can be found here:

[http://www.camara.gov.br/proposicoesWeb/prop\\_mostrarintegra?codteor=1238705&filename=Tramitacao-PL+2126/2011](http://www.camara.gov.br/proposicoesWeb/prop_mostrarintegra?codteor=1238705&filename=Tramitacao-PL+2126/2011)

The Marco Civil is an important framework containing provisions for protection on Privacy, Freedom of Expression and Network Neutrality. The Marco Civil is not only an important framework for Brazil but it is also for important global end users and global public interest.

Whilst we celebrate with the people of Brazil, we are mindful that lobbying needs to continue to ensure that it passes through the Senate. We trust that the Senate will show no reluctance in passing the Marco Civil.

Brazil is set to host the Net Mundial, a Global Multistakeholder Meeting that will focus on the future of Internet Governance. The Net Mundial was spearheaded by President Dilma Rousseff following revelations of Edward Snowden's revelations of US Surveillance of Brazil. The Net Mundial is scheduled to take place in Sao Paulo, Brazil on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. For more information about the Net Mundial, visit, <http://netmundial.br/>

The Marco Civil will serve as an important footprint in the ultimate protection of civil liberties pertaining to the internet for the people of Brazil and global public interest.

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