



MINISTÉRIO DAS COMUNICAÇÕES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL AND THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IN BRAZIL RELATIVE TO POLICY AND REGULATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR DIGITAL ACCESS

The Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Brazil and the Ministry of Communications of the Federative Republic of Brazil (hereinafter referred to as “Participants”):

RECOGNISING the common interests shared by the Participants in promoting the development of telecommunications policy and regulation for the expansion of digital access and its contribution to digital transformation.

CONSIDERING the policies and goals established by the Participants in relation to telecommunications and digital access, in order to:

- Promote a better understanding of the telecommunications sector dynamics;
- Support the development and design of public policies aimed at expanding the offer and materialisation of telecommunications services in the new technological scenario that is presented;
- Support the development of regulatory frameworks taking into account technological models and business models that are in development.

DESIRING to promote mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of telecommunications and digital access.

IN COMPLIANCE with the applicable laws and regulations of their respective countries.

APPROVE the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH I

OBJECTIVE

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “Memorandum”) is not a legal agreement, but expresses the objectives and intent of the involved Participants. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (“Memorandum”) is to establish the basis for a cooperative relationship to encourage and promote bilateral cooperation on digital access and telecommunications issues on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity.

PARAGRAPH II

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The areas of cooperation of this Memorandum may include the following matters of mutual interest:

1. Promote sustainable and scalable business models and technologies in digital access as a way to overcome the digital gap and reach the vulnerable population;
2. Support the planning and implementation of public telecommunications policies and regulatory frameworks to guide the digital transformation process;
3. Design and propose public policy instruments that help promote the digital economy, in particular by improving telecommunications infrastructure and connectivity solutions in vulnerable regions of Brazil;
4. Identify means that contribute to the strengthening and expansion of an infrastructure and a digital ecosystem compatible with the demands of convergent technologies and their applications;
5. Contribute to the planning and implementation of concrete solutions for the expansion of connectivity, including the development of digital skills;
6. Promote an environment for dialogue and debate on topics of common interest, including the expansion of data traffic, the provision of high-capacity networks and the interconnection of optical fibers;
7. Enable training in the area of new technologies, digitisation and digital transformation of public management and government planning;
8. Design and structure events and seminars to share knowledge, skills, experiences, studies and evidences; and
9. Other areas that may be decided upon by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH III

FORMS OF COOPERATION

The cooperation formats of this Memorandum may include the following forms of mutual interest:

1. Share knowledge, expertise and lessons learned from the UK in relation to telecommunications and digital access;
2. Share experiences in formulating and regulating policies in relation to telecommunications infrastructure and digital solutions developed jointly with the public and private sector;
3. Provide design and implementation plans to support policy making;
4. Provide technical support for management and implementation;
5. Train facilitators, organise joint training for government officials and participate in development projects;
6. Exchange of relevant publications, academic materials and other information;
7. Joint research activities; and
8. Other forms that may be agreed by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH IV

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Detailed provisions regarding the forms, methods and conditions of approved areas of cooperation such as joint working groups and implementation plans will be set out in separate implementing provisions to

be concluded between the Participants.

2. Separate implementation understandings may be concluded between the Participants. This may include, where relevant, private sector engagement and engagement to facilitate the cooperation between companies.

PARAGRAPH V

IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITIES

Detailed planning and fulfillment of this cooperation will be done by:

1. Brazil: Ministry of Communications of the Federative Republic of Brazil
2. United Kingdom: Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Brazil and relevant partners

PARAGRAPH VI

WORKING GROUP

1. For the purposes of discussion and implementation of various issues relating to this Memorandum, the Participants may establish a Joint Working Group. The Joint Working Group will develop cooperation under this Memorandum.
2. The Joint Working Group, composed of representatives of the Participants, may meet periodically on dates agreed by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH VII

PARTICIPATION

Participation and engagement can be supported by funding and technical assistance from the British Government's ongoing 'Digital Access Programme' and/or its related initiatives.

PARAGRAPH VIII

THIRD PARTY PARTICIPATION

When considered essential, the Joint Working Group may invite third parties to participate, such as scientific institutions, research centers, universities, the private sector or any other entity for the implementation of this Memorandum.

PARAGRAPH IX

ADVERTISING AND DISCLOSURE

1. In order to comply with the applicable rules and policies established by the Brazilian public administration in relation to the Transparency Laws, the Ministry of Communications is authorised to disclose and publish in the Official Gazette of the Union a summary of this Memorandum in Portuguese.
2. All publicity initiatives involving information related to the British Government, especially to the Digital Access Program, must have prior authorisation from the British diplomatic mission in Brazil and

must be approved, before being carried out, by the Communication Departments of the Participants.

PARAGRAPH X

AMENDMENTS

This Memorandum may be amended at any time by joint decision, expressed in writing by one of the Participants. Any changes may take effect on the date approved by the Participants. The amendments will form an integral part of this Memorandum.

PARAGRAPH XI

ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This Memorandum will enter into force on the date of its signature.
2. This Memorandum will remain in force for a maximum period of three years.
3. All disputes relating to the application or interpretation of this Memorandum will be resolved by direct and amicable negotiations between the Participants.
4. Either Participant may terminate this Memorandum at any time by notifying the other Participant in writing of its intention to terminate this Memorandum at least ninety (90) days prior to the expected termination date.

The foregoing record represents the understandings reached between the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Brazil and the Ministry of Communications of the Federative Republic of Brazil upon the matters referred to therein.

Signed in duplicate at Brasília on the signature date, in the English and Portuguese languages, both texts having equal validity.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IN
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