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Ronaldo Mota Sardenberg **Chairman of Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL), Brazil**

Ambassador Ronaldo Sardenberg made a brief statistical presentation on the Brazilian telecommunications sector, adding that ANATEL was responsible for developing regulations for the different services. He also stressed the importance of the recent National Preparatory Conference on Communications, in which various Brazilian sectors and bodies were represented, allowing the identification of several key factors, outside the telecommunications field, but which affect the sector.

The Conference took place against a backdrop of restructuring in telecommunications and universalising fixed services, with a focus, in particular on social classes with fewer resources.

The representative of ANATEL set out Brazil's current needs, including:

- Strengthened legislative and executive policy;
- Development of legislation on various issues;
- Maintaining current levels of confidence in the regulatory activity.

He also mentioned various measures which ANATEL has under reflection, with the objective of putting conditions in place for new investments and for the satisfaction of social needs, highlighting the following:

- Efficient access to content;
- Fighting the barrier or inequality, as this remains one of the main factors behind social exclusion;

- Bringing down obstacles to the development of GSM technology and putting conditions in place for the supply of broadband;
- Adoption of the concept of significant market power;
- Respect for the principle of universal service through the creation of telecommunication services points, that is to say, terminals with public access to telephone and Internet, with all operators obliged to adapt a minimum of 2% of these points/services to people with disabilities;
- Drawing up of a regulation on portability;
- Finalisation of a model of costs.

Ambassador Ronaldo Sardenberg also referred to the coordination and cooperation engaged between ANACOM and ANATEL, as well as the cooperation with other Portuguese official language countries.