

Public Note

An organized, autonomous and active civil society is the basis of democracy!

The Brazilian Association of Non-Governmental Organizations - Abong, a network of civil society organizations that defend rights and common goods, hereby announces to its association base, networks, platforms and other partner organizations that do not recognize the legitimacy of the clause II of the Article 5 of Provisional Measure 870/2019, regarding the functions of the Secretariat of Government of the Presidency of the Republic in relation to national civil society organizations.

It is not the responsibility of the Federal Government, the state or municipal governments to supervise, coordinate or even monitor the actions of civil society organizations, which are guaranteed, by Article 5 of the Federal Constitution, full freedom of action and representation of their causes and interests. It is the responsibility of governments to control public resources that may be the object of partnership with civil society organizations, and for this, there is own legislation that defines the rights and obligations, including annual accountability.

Therefore, Abong will administratively challenge the Bolsonaro Government to align the terms of the Provisional Measure 870/2019 with the constitutional norms and will seek dialogue with all segments of Brazilian society towards the constitutional guarantees of civil society performance in a free and autonomous manner.

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