



# 16<sup>th</sup> Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum

Brasilia, Brazil

November 26, 2019





Congressman Robert Pittenger  
Chairman, Parliamentary Intelligence - Security Forum

6 November 2019

Dear Parliamentarian:

Please join us as a delegate for the 16th Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum, November 26, in Brasilia, Brazil at the Auditorium Petronio Portela, Senado Federal, a reception following. The forum will begin with registration and danish/coffee at 8:00am, 9am convene and conclude at 6:45pm. Lunch will be served. We anticipate Parliamentary delegates attending from throughout the Americas.

Experts from the U.S. financial and software industry, government and think tanks will address the following issues with opportunity for Q/A:

CURRENT TRENDS OF GLOBAL JIHAD  
THE RETURN OF FOREIGN FIGHTERS  
ILLICIT FINANCE  
INTELLIGENCE SHARING  
CYBER SECURITY  
TRADE BASED MONEY LAUNDERING  
FINANCIAL SOFTWARE AND ADVANCED  
ANALYTICS  
5G

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
FINTECH  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
TRANSNATIONAL PROSECUTION  
EMERGING THREAT OF DRONES  
ADVERSARIAL FOREIGN INVESTMENTS  
CRYPTOCURRENCIES  
THE ROLE OF FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNITS

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you can participate at this outstanding counter terrorism briefing with your confirmation by responding to [ks@pi-sf.com](mailto:ks@pi-sf.com).

Sincerely,

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Brasília-DF, Brazil, October 30, 2019

The Honorable **ROBERT PITTENGER**  
Honorary North Carolina Congressman (USA)  
Chairman, Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum

Dear Congressman,

Please join me and Congressman Gurgel for a critically important meeting for our region: the "Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum", in Brasília, Brazil, on November 26 (invitation below).

We face major security challenges and illicit operations that threaten our region and the world. The Bolsonaro government is fully committed to lead and to use every possible resource to prevent terrorists groups from achieving their destructive objectives.

We have an extraordinary opportunity to hear and learn from the best experts in the world on a broad range of counter terrorism issues at this Forum. Please join me and Congressman Gurgel as we build a stronger partnership and collaboration on these vital issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Bolsonaro', is written over a large, stylized blue ink flourish.

**EDUARDO BOLSONARO**  
Congressman



**CÂMARA DOS DEPUTADOS**  
Gabinete do Deputado Federal **Gurgel – PSL/RJ**

Of. BSB. Nº 081/2019.

Brasília, 17 de dezembro de 2019.

Ilustre congressista Pittenger,

Cumprimentando-o cordialmente, venho por meio deste instrumento, expressar minha gratidão pela excelência do 16º Fórum Parlamentar de Inteligência e Segurança, que tivemos a satisfação de sediar no dia 26 de novembro de 2019. Foi um evento extraordinário, de grande sucesso e repercussão, e representou um marco importante para o aprofundamento do intercâmbio e do debate sobre a segurança pública no Brasil e no mundo.

Tivemos a oportunidade de receber vários convidados internacionais e, sinto-me honrado pela qualidade dos palestrantes e, sobretudo, dos especialistas em assuntos de financiamento do crime organizado transnacional e do terrorismo, o que foi de importância para o sucesso do Fórum no Brasil. Foi a primeira vez que o Congresso Nacional brasileiro sediou um evento com tal importância política e grandiosidade, garantindo um espaço público e democrático para debatermos e corajosamente enfrentarmos os desafios do país e particularmente do Estado do Rio de Janeiro.

Por tudo o que vimos, debatemos e vivemos no evento, e pelo empenho e esforço desenvolvido, reitero o meu interesse em continuar a debater esta agenda em nível regional, insistindo com meus colegas no parlamento e também instando ao Poder Executivo do meu país, da importância de seguir os passos da Argentina e do Paraguai, para designar o Grupo Hezbollah como organização criminosa transnacional e organização terrorista.

Por fim, aproveito a oportunidade para comunicar o meu interesse em organizar mais um Fórum de Segurança e Inteligência no Brasil, na cidade do Rio de Janeiro, em uma data oportuna que poderemos estabelecer juntos. Peço-lhe, por gentileza, que reserve a data dos expositores e de suas delegações. Neste Fórum, esperamos ter a participação de Parlamentares do Brasil e de outros países, assim como de autoridades governamentais, da academia, da sociedade civil e dos militares, para que possamos continuar gerando um diálogo com toda a sociedade, sobre um tema de grande relevância e importância para o nosso país, que é a segurança pública e a luta contra o crime organizado e o tráfico ilícito, em geral.

Muito obrigado por sua atenção e reitero as garantias de minha mais alta estima e consideração.

Muito respeitosamente.

**GURGEL**  
Deputado Federal  
PSL/RJ



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Brasília, December 17, 2019.

Distinguished Congressman Pittenger,

Cordially greeting you, I hereby express my gratitude for the excellence of the 16th Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Forum, which we were pleased to host on November 26, 2019. It was an extraordinary event of great success and repercussion, and represented an important milestone for deepening the exchange and debate on public safety in Brazil and in the world.

We had the opportunity to receive a number of international guests and I am honored by the quality of the speakers and, above all, the experts on issues of transnational organized crime and terrorism financing, which was of importance for the success of the Forum in Brazil. It was the first time that the Brazilian National Congress hosted an event of such political importance and grandeur, ensuring a public and democratic space to debate and bravely face the challenges of the country and particularly the state of Rio de Janeiro.

For all that we have seen, debated and experienced at the event, and for the commitment and effort made, I reiterate my interest in continuing to debate this agenda at the regional level, insisting with my colleagues in parliament and also calling on the executive branch of my country, the importance of following in the footsteps of Argentina and Paraguay to designate the Hezbollah Group as a transnational criminal organization and terrorist organization.

Finally, I take the opportunity to communicate my interest in organizing another Security and Intelligence Forum in Brazil, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, at a timely date that we can set up together. Please kindly reserve the date of the experts and your delegation. In this Forum, we hope to have the participation of Parliamentarians from Brazil and other countries, as well as governmental authorities, academia, civil society and the military, so that we can continue to generate a dialogue with the whole society, on a very important topic. and importance to our country, which is public security and the fight against organized crime and illicit trafficking in general.

Thank you very much for your attention and I reiterate the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

Very respectfully.

**GURGEL**  
Deputado Federal  
PSL/RJ





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## FÓRUM PARLAMENTAR DE INTELIGÊNCIA E SEGURANÇA

Terça Feira, **26** de Novembro 2019

## CREDENCIAMENTO 8H30

## ABERTURA

DEPUTADO GURGEL

09H00

## OBSERVAÇÕES INICIAIS

SENADOR DAVI ALCOLUMBRE  
DEPUTADO RODRIGO MAIA  
SENADOR MAJOR OLÍMPIO  
DEPUTADO EDUARDO BOLSONARO  
DEPUTADO FELIPE FRANCISCHINI  
GOVERNADOR WILSON WITZEL  
CONGRESSMAN ROBERT PITTENGER

09H10

CONTEXTO REGIONAL E SEU IMPACTO  
NA ESTABILIDADE E SEGURANÇA

MARCOS DEGAUT  
DEPUTADO LUIS PETRI  
SENADORA SORAYA THRONICKE  
JOSEPH HUMIRE  
SENADOR MAJOR OLÍMPIO  
MARIANO FEDERICI  
DEPUTADO CAPITÃO AUGUSTO

10H00

## COFFEE BREAK - 11H30

AMEAÇAS E VULNERABILIDADES RELACIONADAS  
COM CRIME ORGANIZADO E TERRORISMO

EMANUELLE OTTOLENGUI  
MARIA EUGENIA TALERICO  
GOVERNADOR WILSON WITZEL  
LTG. GUIDO AMIN NAVES  
PHILLIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL  
DEPUTADO EDUARDO BOLSONARO  
JUIZ ALEXANDRE ABRAHÃO  
DEPUTADO GURGEL

12H00

## ALMOÇO - 14H00

INTEGRIDADE FINANCEIRA; UM PILAR DE  
ESTABILIDADE E SEGURANÇA REGIONAL

ALEJO CAMPOS  
BANK OF AMERICA  
DEPUTY FELIPE FRANCISCHINI  
RICARDO LIAO  
SENADOR MARCOS DO VAL  
DEPUTY DELEGADO WALDIR  
GUATIMOZIN SANTOS

14H50

TECNOLOGIAS EMERGENTES  
RISCOS E OPORTUNIDADES

ROBERTO GALLO  
CEL MARCIO FACCIN DE ALENCAR  
ALBERTO ECHEGARAY GUEVARA  
DEPUTADO CORONEL TADEU  
J.R. HELMIG, SAS  
FACEBOOK / LIBRA

16H50

## OBSERVAÇÕES FINAIS

MARIANO FEDERICI  
CONGRESSMAN ROBERT PITTENGER  
DEPUTADO GURGEL  
SENADOR MAJOR OLÍMPIO

18H00

## RECEPÇÃO - 18H45

Local:

Auditório Petrônio Portela

Senado Federal

Praça dos Três Poderes - Brasília, DF

SENADO  
FEDERALCÂMARA DOS  
DEPUTADOS

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## Summary

Led by former US Congressman Robert Pittenger, 16<sup>th</sup> Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum held in Brasilia, Brazil was attended by many Brazilian members of Congress who hosted the forum in the Brazilian Senate building, Governors, and several other members of parliament from other nations along with experts on emerging technologies, money laundering, organized crime and terrorism. The primary focus was on regional issues in Brazil and surrounding nations concerning crime, terrorism, and money laundering. It was determined that the primary adversary responsible for these issues in the region is Hezbollah, a Shia Islamist political party and militant group based in Lebanon. Many Brazilian leaders, including Deputies Bolsonaro and Gurgel and Governor Wilson Witzel of Rio expressed a desire to designate Hezbollah as a terrorist group in Brazil. This step is one that was taken by the Argentinian government earlier in 2019, with much of the effort being led by Mariano Federici, who attended and spoke at the forum. Hezbollah is especially relevant to Brazil because it operates in the tri-border area of



Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay where it operates using funds from an illicit economy built around an underground drug trade and money laundering. This region is especially vulnerable to illicit trade due to the commodities available in the region. A representative of Phillip Morris International who spoke at the forum explained how Paraguay, in an example, produces ten times as many cigarettes as it produces and cigarettes are widely used globally to enable trade-based money laundering and this is what is being seen in the tri-border area. The Argentinian designation allowed for its Financial Intelligence Unit to freeze several of Hezbollah's assets and many in the Brazilian government wish to follow in these footsteps in order to provide access to similar tools necessary to combat Hezbollah's actions in the region. Currently, Hezbollah is operating as an official political group in Brazil and as a result, there is much resistance against efforts to designate is as a terrorist group in the nation.

## Brazilian Leadership

### Deputy Eduardo Bolsonaro

The first speaker of the forum was Deputy Eduardo Bolsonaro. During this time, he spoke of his new anticrime bill that aims to fight the injustice of the current criminal system. Bolsonaro stated that the current criminal justice system provides an environment that favors crime. He spoke about working with US organizations (FBI, Border Patrol) and learning from their established and reputable models so that they don't have to "reinvent the wheel". Additionally, the Deputy stated Brazil must follow in Argentina's footsteps and label Hezbollah a terrorist organization, stating that terrorism does not merely include bombings. Terrorism includes all of



Deputy Bolsonaro Speaking at the Forum

the actions that terrorist groups take ranging from child recruitment at schools to conducting campaigns to establish legitimacy as a political organization, which Hezbollah has done.



### Deputy Gurgel

Deputy Gurgel focused on the Brazilian educational system in his address, speaking of the importance of education in advancing a nation. However, simply hiring teachers is not enough to improve educational outcomes. Education extends beyond the schoolyard and includes the surrounding communities. Brazil must address the rampant crime in its

Deputy Gurgel Speaking at the Forum

communities because educational outcomes cannot improve as long as communities are plagued by drugs and violence.

### Governor Wilson Witzel

Governor of Rio, Wilson Witzel, addressed the necessity of combatting gun trafficking, investigating money laundering and homicide, and working against Hezbollah in Brazil. Like Deputy Bolsonaro, Governor Witzel wishes to integrate Rio (and Brazil's) intelligence force capabilities with those of the United States. In investigating money laundering and homicide, primarily as conducted by Hezbollah in the region, Rio's police forces have developed a strategy of jailing individuals with connections to groups such as Hezbollah. Through these strategies, they've managed to seize



Governor Witzel addressing members of the Brazilian military

more than 50 million Reals and there are ongoing investigations on more criminal assets worth more than one billion Reals. Lastly, the Governor addressed the necessity of monitoring the entry of armaments into the country as Brazilian police have been dying and that he is working to pass the legislation needed to do this and to increase cooperation between the military and civil police in order to improve efficiency and safety.

## Case Studies and Emerging Technologies

### Mapping Hezbollah Networks in Latin America

Emanuele Ottolenghi, a senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies is an expert on Hezbollah operations and networks, among other things. Providing an expert review, Ottolenghi explained how the Hezbollah global syndicate builds illicit networks that engages in drug trafficking, weapons smuggling, human trafficking and other criminal activities. The revenues generated by these criminal endeavors assist Hezbollah as the funds are illicitly legitimized through trade-based money laundering. Hezbollah manages to maintain success in the region by cultivating sympathizers in the local communities by investing considerable resources in their institutions and infrastructure, including schools, mosques, scouting organizations and more. By either establishing or infiltrating communal institutions throughout Latin America, local instructors and cleric impart Hezbollah Shiite dogma on local communities.

There has been an especially heavy Hezbollah presence in the tri-border area of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay. This area has an optimal geography for illicit activity as it is the



Emanuele Ottolenghi speaking at the forum

confluence of three separate jurisdictions, different languages, three currencies, and has weak border controls and well-established smuggling routes. The region has a large population and a famous tourist attraction and thus, has a well-established infrastructure, three airports, and a strong financial sector that services the area. There is an estimated illicit economy worth \$18 billion a year and the area is home to the largest Shi'a Lebanese community with many being strong supporters of Hezbollah. This illicit economy, in addition to the earlier factors, is maintained through the purchasing of cheap merchandise from China, Hong Kong, and other countries through front companies incorporated in the US that serve as intermediaries. With the assistance of corrupt authorities, the channels used to move this merchandise are also used for the movement of drugs. The proceeds from the drug trade move through money exchange houses that allow for the proceeds to pay for the merchandise, allowing for a paper trail to be established through the front companies.

### Improving Data Analytics in Combating TBML

J.R. Helmig (SAS) explained how the use of analytics is necessary in combating trade-based money laundering (TBML). He explained that not all crimes can be solved using the same methods throughout the world and its numerous enforcement agencies. The vast majority of time and resources spent by data and enforcement agencies is spent on the search



J.R. Helmig speaking at the forum

and discovery of data, which is a cumbersome manual process that involves the acquisition of data, data manipulation and “data cleaning” (getting rid of irrelevant data and sorting data). After this, only about 20% of the effort involved by data analysts is actually spent on actionable

analysis and the vetting of information. For this reason, it is important to focus on the software necessary to speed up the process of the search and discovery of data. Much of this can be achieved through advanced software that incorporates AI and due to the large amounts of existing data that is constantly created by multiple enforcement and intelligence agencies, any improvements in this area will lead to more efficiency in producing actionable analysis of data which will lead to better outcomes in combating TBML.

### Mariano Federici

Mariano Federici led the Argentinian effort in designating Hezbollah as a terrorist organization. He stated that the possible clandestine links between criminal transnational national drug trafficking organizations and crime networks is something countries must watch for and mitigate. Hezbollah continues to receive support from Iran and in 2019, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hezbollah attack on a Jewish community in Buenos Aires, Argentina still had not been able to bring those responsible to justice due to Iran not cooperating; a clear example of Iran's clear commitment to elude international responsibility to cooperate and obstructs judicial systems such as the one in Argentina. This is the reason why Argentina has played an active role in the FATF with the US and other nations to persuade the Iranian authorities to cooperate and why it calls on Brazil to support them in these efforts. The importance of countries having their own terrorist designation systems is compounded by the fact that the UN multilateral approach for designation hasn't worked in the case of Hezbollah.



Mariano Federici speaking at the forum



Hezbollah is a clear case as the countries that have faced exposure to their attacks had to take an apolitical risk-based approach to adopt a unilateral or regional designation mechanism to protect their people. In July 2019, Argentina established their own public registry of terrorists and designated Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, not just the military wing but the entire organization because Hezbollah itself has reported that there is no division between their political wing and military wing. Argentina ordered a freeze of Hezbollah assets in Argentinian territory. The region's eyes are all on Brazil now and it's time for Brazil to set the example for the tri-border area to send Hezbollah a clear message that it's no longer welcome in this region.





*Deputado Federal Gurgel and Congressman Pittenger*



*Congressman Pittenger with expert panelists*



*Mariano Federici and Alejos Campos*



*Congressman Eduardo Bolsonaro*



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