# Strategy, Policy, Regulatory Considerations and the Decision-Making Process of going to Digital TV in Brazil

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## Introduction

POPULATION: 160 M Inhabitants

↑ SURFACE: 8.5 M km²

↑ GNP: 800 Billions USD

↑ GNP PER CAPITA: 5,000 USD

↑ FIXED TELEPHONY DENSITY: 16.8%

↑ MOBILE TELEPHONY DENSITY: 9.1%

↑ TV BROADCASTING PENETRATION: 85%

↑ PAY TV PENETRATION: 6.5%

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# Actions already taken by ANATEL

**JULY 1998** 

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION** ON THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING THE DIGITAL TV TESTS

NOVEMBER 1998

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ABOVE PROCEDURES

**FEBRUARY 2000** 

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE REPORTS OF SET/ABERT CONCERNING THE TESTS CARRIED OUT WITH THE ATSC, DVB-T AND ISDB-T DIGITAL TELEVISION STANDARDS



# **Evolution of TV: The Consumer Opinion**

- **QUALITATIVE MARKET RESEARCH** WITH CONSUMERS, BROADCASTERS AND MANUFACTURERS:
  - **↑** 12 ATTRIBUTES WERE DEFINED
- **QUANTITATIVE MARKET RESEARCH** CARRIED OUT IN 55 CITIES OF THE FIVE BRAZILIAN REGIONS, LISTENING 5,000 PEOPLE:
  - 1. AID TO PHYSICAL HANDICAPS
  - **↑** 2. PROGRAM STORAGE (MOUSE "CLIC")
  - ↑ 3. HDTV
  - **↑** 4. MULTIPLE PROGRAMS ("BLOOMBERG" TYPE TV)
- **PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS AND SURVEYS** IN SHOPPING CENTERS IN SEVEN CITIES, LISTENING 4,700 PEOPLE.



# Key Aspects Related to the Evolution of TV

- INTERACTIVITY
- SCREEN FORMAT
- MOBILITY
- TELEVISION AND PERSONAL COMPUTER CONVERGENCE
- TELECOMMUNICATION AND TELEVISION CONVERGENCE
- SYSTEM RELIABILITY



# Strategic Factors

- UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION
- NATIONAL INTEGRATION
- **LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION**
- **TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION**
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- **STIMULATE THE COMPONENTS INDUSTRY**



### Social and Cultural Factors

- THE ROLE PLAYED BY TELEVISION
  - **↑** TO UNITE THE FAMILY
  - **↑** TO KEEP SOMEBODY COMPANY
- **THE CONVERGENCE FROM THE CULTURAL POINT OF VIEW** 
  - **↑** TELEVISION CHARACTERISTICS FOR USERS
  - **↑** COMPUTER CHARACTERISTICS FOR USERS



### **Technical Factors**

### **DTV TECHNICAL FACTORS:**

- THE DIGITAL TELEVISION SERVICE QUALITY MUST BE, AT LEAST, EQUIVALENT TO THE CURRENTLY DISTRIBUTED ANALOGUE TELEVISION SERVICE
- ↑ DIGITAL AND ANALOGUE SYSTEMS MUST HAVE AN ADEQUATE COEXISTENCE DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD
- **↑** EFFICIENT USE OF THE RADIOELECTRIC SPECTRUM
- ↑ FLEXIBILITY FOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW APPLICATIONS

  MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE LONG-RUN



### **Technical Factors**

- DIGITAL TV BROADCASTING X PAY TV
  - THE DIGITAL TELEVISION SERVICE OFFERED BY THESE

    DIFFERENT NETWORKS MUST BE COMPATIBLE
  - THE INTEGRATION OF PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONALITY

    BETWEEN THESE DIFFERENT NETWORKS MUST BE

    CONSIDERED
  - **↑** "MUST CARRY" RULES NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED



### **Economic Factors**

- IMPACT ON THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY VALUE CHAIN
- DETERMINANT FACTORS FOR THE PENETRATION OF DIGITAL TELEVISION
- COST FOR THE CONSUMERS
- COST FOR THE BROADCASTERS
- **POTENTIAL MARKET OF EACH DIGITAL TELEVISION STANDARD**



# Scenarios under Analysis by Anatel

- SCENARIO I HDTV PROGRAMMING ONLY
- SCENARIO II SDTV PROGRAMMING ONLY
  - **↑** SCENARIO II A MULTIPLE PROGRAMS
  - **↑** SCENARIO II B SDTV INTERACTIVE
  - ↑ SCENARIO II C SDTV WITH FREE AND PAID SERVICES
- SCENARIO III HYBRID MODEL



### **Next Events**

- ADOPTION OF THE DIGITAL TV STANDARD
- **TECHNICAL REGULATION FOR DIGITAL TV**
- BASIC PLAN FOR DIGITAL TV
- ACTION PLAN FOR THE TRANSITION
- DIGITAL TV AUTHORISATIONS

