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THE BRAZILIAN SPACE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: ORIGIN AND
ACHIEVEMENTS.

Abstract

The creation of the Brazilian Space Program Development Committee constituted a historic milestone in the Brazilian Space Program, as it punctuated the resumption of discussions on the potentialization of the national space sector. In fact, throughout its activities, that Committee brought together, in addition to the ministries that comprise it, several national actors, representatives of the Brazilian academy and the private sector, such as the Brazilian Society for the Progress of Science and the Association of Industries Aerospace of Brazil, a fact that has never occurred in almost forty years of approval by the Brazilian Complete Space Mission, which in 1979 dealt with the development of satellites and launch vehicles, as well as launch centers on Brazilian soil. The creation initiative, by means of a presidential decree, addressed several constituent elements of the Brazilian Space Program that are intended to be improved, seeking to meet both structural strategic needs and the analysis of specific obstacles, but whose magnitude and complexity represent significant and immobilizing impacts on the progress of that Program. It was intended, therefore, with the establishment of that Committee, at the highest State level, to address fundamental issues that prevent the full development of the full potential of the Brazilian Space Program. This time, with the participation of several Ministries, which have acted in a collegial way, sometimes in plenary, sometimes represented in Technical Groups, the intention was to speed up the search for solutions that allow the confrontation of the already known historical obstacles.