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THE INSTITUTIONAL SECURITY OFFICE OF BRAZIL: A NEWLY CONSOLIDATED ACTOR IN
THE GOVERNANCE OF THE BRAZILIAN SPACE SECTOR.

Abstract

In recent years, the Brazilian space scenario has witnessed the entry of a new participant into the group of national stakeholders: The Institutional Security Office of The Presidency of Republic of Brazil (GSI/PR). In 2017, at the dawn of this entry, GSI established the Department of Aerospace Affairs to deal with the last of the three strategic defense areas not yet addressed by that organ, given that it already had specific departments dealing with nuclear and cyber security. However, it was with the creation of the Committee for the Development of the Brazilian Space Program in 2018, through a presidential decree, that GSI assumed a prominent role in the Brazilian space sector. Since then, GSI has acted as the coordinator of the Committee, which has conducted comprehensive studies on challenges in the Brazilian space system through more than 20 technical groups, two of which are currently fully operational. This work highlights the evolution of GSI's involvement in the space sector and its strategic role in coordinating crucial initiatives for the Brazilian space development, detailing GSI's contribution to the progress of the Brazilian Space Program and discussing new challenges and possibilities for the Cabinet, this time as a national Think Tank on specific aspects of geopolitics and space security.