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COORDINATOR PAINTER AND AMBASSADOR SEPULVEDA TO DISCUSS CYBER ISSUES

HE TRAVELS TO BRASILIA AND SAO PAULO

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The visit will include public engagements on Internet and Cyber issues, as well as discussions on the Internet priorities of private-sector software and hardware companies. The visit will feature a town hall dialogue hosted by the Catholic University of Brasilia, where Coordinator Painter and Ambassador Sepulveda will speak to a group of students on "The Outlook for Net Neutrality, Internet Governance, and Cybersecurity".

Painter has even adorned his office walls with posters from science fiction movies that involve hackers on the run, espionage and computers taking over the world. He said the posters "highlight for visiting diplomats and industry leaders the popular misperceptions of computers."

In real life, he plays the leading role in implementing the United States' International Strategy for Cyberspace, a task that most people would find formidable but one that Painter finds exciting. (Source : breakinggov.com)

Painter thinks there is been very much increased cooperation on this issue for instance, with Europe and other countries in terms of exchanging information with respect to computer emergency response and security teams, how you respond to incidents.

Regarding the laws enforcement cooperation on cyber crime issues some steps have been made forward, especially about internet standards with European and other partners. Particularly with Europe, about a year ago there was "for instance, there was a "out of the summit, the EU-U.S. summit, there was a commitment to have a working group dealing with cyber security issues, and that work has been continuing apace. So there's been a lot of work with the EU on that issue. However there is still to be worked on with the European colleagues. Especially when he came up many years ago with chair a G-8 high tech group that built a network of 24/7 contacts including 50 countries from around the world. (Source : fpc.state.gov).

The situation needs now more than ever to be strengthened through EU/US cooperation in that sense.

For updates on this trip, please contact the Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues at scci_press@state.gov.

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