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The Portuguese company euroAtlantic, a pioneer of charter charts to Brazil, assures international BRA flights to the Northeast

The chairman of euroAtlantic airways (EAA) Tomáz Metello confirmed with agents in the sector that his company, in which the Pestana Group holds a stake, ensures the flights operated by BRA from Portugal destined for the Northeast of Brazil commercialised by the tourist operator terraBrasil (Sonhando SA) in which a controlling interest is held by EAA, the largest Portuguese air company made up of wholly private capital. The so-called reinforcement flights in special seasons like New Year are envisaged. The Chairman of EAA Tomáz Metello went on to say that "recently the Minister of Tourism of Brazil Marta Suplicy stated in a communiqué that « charter flights are vital for leveraging and affording sustainability to bringing tourists to Brazil». This support to terraBrasil bears out my purposes and those of the Pestana Group announced on September 29th 2000 on the day on which long, hard «interdepartmental wrangling» was concluded, we obtained authorisation for the first charter flight between Portugal and Brazil" the founder of euroAtlantic stated – "we have always placed the greatest trust in the distributor Sonhando. I said to its Director Captain Eduardo Pinto Lopes, an excellent manager who swapped the cockpit for office work and action in the field, that euroAtlantic would give total support to his enterprising work". Tomáz Metello concluding "which could also ensure to terraBrasil being market leader in Portugal in terms of sending tourists to Brazil".

euroAtlantic airways, which currently has a commercial agreement in Brazil with GOL/Varig on the occasion that the 33rd National Congress of APAVT is being held in Búzios after other events of notable success in Natal, Fortaleza, Salvador da Bahia and Florianópolis at a time when the City and State of Rio de Janeiro are preparing to celebrate the "Historic Re-enactment of the Arrival of the Portuguese Court", recalling another notable cultural event the "Commemorations of 500 Years since the Discovery of Brazil". After a long negotiating process in the context of "500 Years of Brazil" the aeronautical authorities of both countries authorised the company of Tomáz Metello and of the Pestana Group to make on September 29th 2000 the first tourist flight (charter) from Portugal to Brazil, the destination being João Pessoa. The Governor of the State of Paraíba at the time upon receiving the «first Portuguese tourists» classified the fact as – "a landmark in the history of civil aviation of the two brother countries".

euroAtlantic airways and its founder in 2004 received for their action in favour of Brazilian tourism the "Catavento de Prata" trophy instituted by the journal for the Brazilian tourist industry Gazeta do Turismo (Tourism Gazette) which is published in S. Salvador da Baía. The nomination, according to the editorial, was warranted "by the extraordinary contribution which they have made to improving the tourist relations between Portugal and Brazil". In the past Tomáz Metello had already received the title of Honorary Citizen of the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro as - "a great promoter of bilateral relations and bringing the two countries closer together".

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