

BRAZIL PLANS TO CONTROL HOTEL RATES DURING FIFA CUP



During the upcoming FIFA Confederations Cup (15-30 June) and the next year's FIFA World Cup, the Brazilian government promised to control the hotel room prices to prevent steep rise in the rates, as reported by official sources.

Brazilian Tourism Minister, Gastao Vieira, explained that there definitely won't be high prices. "I hope to reach an agreement with the hotel industry, as we did during the Rio +20."

The minister admitted that the Brazilian government is concerned about the possibility that the hotel industry will increase prices during the Confederations Cup to be held in June this year and the World Cup, to be played in July next year as it happened with the UN Summit on Sustainable Development Rio +20.

During the summit, held last June in Rio de Janeiro, several international delegations expressed their complaints against the abusive prices of hotels in the city, which forced the government to interfere and force the hoteliers to lower the rates.

Gastao Vieira said that the government will control the amount charged by national hotels together with business operators, using all legal tools to punish "any abuse" made by hotels during the two events.

The Confederations Cup, organized by FIFA as a test for the World Cup, will be played in six Brazilian cities: Belo Horizonte, Fortaleza, Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro, Recife and Salvador, while the World Cup will be hosted by these six cities as well as by Porto Alegre, Sao Paulo, Curitiba, Cuiabá, Manaus and Natal.

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