

Brazilian Vice President Michel Temer Prepares to Assume Presidency



Brasilia, April 29 (RHC)-- Brazilian Vice President Michel Temer has put forward a number of policy proposals including teacher bonuses and relaxed labor laws, making headlines in what resembles a presidential campaign ahead of the possible impeachment of President Dilma Rousseff.

Temer, who will take over from Rousseff if a Senate vote in favor of impeachment suspends her next month, has promised to, among other measures, set a fixed retirement age of 65, introduce bonuses for teachers, uncouple social assistance increases from the minimum wage, and loosen the labor code to give companies power to negotiate on more issues.

In response to criticisms of his proposals, coming from groups including the left-wing MST landless worker movement, Temer said "order comes before progress," Brazil's O Globo reported. The statement was a reference to the national motto on the Brazilian flag which reads "Order and Progress."

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