

## Brazil's Explanation for Delaying Lula's BRICS Presidency Is Extremely Suspicious

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Brazilian Finance Minister Fernando Haddad told the global elite at this year's Davos Summit on Wednesday that his country wants to delay its planned 2024 BRICS presidency until 2025. <u>According to him</u>,

"We have put off our presidency in BRICS so that it doesn't coincide with the G20...(in order to) do quality work in both cases."

This explanation is extremely suspicious though since it's unbelievable that a rising Great Power like Brazil can't organize more than one major multilateral summit in a single year.

What appears to be going on is that three-time President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who's popularly known as Lula and returned to office this year, is doing a favor for the US as a quid pro quo for its intelligence agencies helping to orchestrate the January 8th incident that's consolidating his power. Those readers who aren't aware of the Brazilian leader's surprising closeness to the US in spite of that declining unipolar hegemon being responsible for his prior jailing should review the following analyses:

- 31 October: "The Geostrategic Consequences Of Lula's Re-Election Aren't As Clear-Cut As Some Might Think"
- 1 November: "Biden's Reaction To Brazil's Latest Election Shows That The US Prefers Lula Over Bolsonaro"
- 24 November: "Korybko To Sputnik Brasil: The Workers' Party Is Infiltrated By Pro-US Liberal-Globalists"
- 9 January: "Everyone Should Exercise Caution Before Rushing To Judgement On What Just Happened In Brazil"

## 12 January: "Korybko To Sputnik Brasil: The US Played A Decisive Role In The January 8th Incident"

In short, Lula's domestic ideological alignment with the US' ruling neoliberals is stronger than his international ideological alignment with Brazil's BRICS partners. That's not to downplay the latter, but just to emphasize the strength of the former, which explains why he's unexpectedly seeking to delay his country's planned BRICS presidency from 2024 to 2025 instead.

He of course can't openly say that this is a favor to the US lest he risk riling his multipolar base, hence the ridiculous excuse that he told his Finance Minister to tell the global elite in Davos, which unbelievably implies that Brazil can't organize more than one major multilateral summit in a single year. It remains to be seen what else Lula might do for the US in exchange for its support in helping him consolidate power, but this latest development raises serious concerns about his larger intentions.

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