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SUBJECT: ARENA Organized in Santa Catarina

REF :

1. The Santa Catarina ARENA, as recently organized, includes all three senators, 11 of 14 federal deputies and 34 of 45 state deputies.

2. Representative to the ARENA National Directory are former Governor Celso Ramos (ex-PSD) and Senator Irineu Bornhausen (ex-UDN).

3. Officers of the 85 member ARENA Regional Commission are as follow:

President

- Dr. Armando Valerio de Assis (ex-PSD) former Secretary of Public Health under former Governor Ramos.

Vice Presidents

- Senator Atilio Fontana (ex-PSD)
- Federal Deputy Alvaro Catão (ex-UDN)
- Federal Deputy Domicio Freitas (ex-UDN)

Secretary

- State Deputy Pedro H. Hermes (ex-UDN)

Treasurer

- State Deputy Abel Avila dos Santos (ex-PSD)

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Voting Members
(Vogais)

- Eduardo Santos Lins	(ex-UDN)
- Nilton Cherem	(ex-UDN)
- Ademar Garcia	(ex-PSD)
- Aureo V. Ramos	(ex-PSD)
- Ivo Montenegro	(ex-PSD)

4. Comment: It will be noted that the incumbent ex-PSD controls the party's executive board by 6 to 5 votes over the ex-UDN which it defeated in last years gubernatorial elections. It should be noted that the ex-UDN participation on the executive board represents almost exclusively the ex-UDN's "old guard" headed by the Bornhausen/Konder Reis family rather than the ex-UDN's "renewal" group led by the Mayor of Joinville, industrialist Wilson Bender.

5. Since slightly more than one half (the ex-PSD) of the Santa Catarina ARENA is within the state government and slightly less than one half (the ex-UDN) opposes the incumbent state government, few observers expect the state ARENA to survive this years elections by many months.


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