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“Brazil is no longer on a leash....”

This off-the-cuff remark by a minister in the Lula government well expresses the vision of diplomatic independence of a country that has grown to become the world’s sixth largest economy.

After the election of Luis Inácio Lula da Silva as president (2003-2010), followed by his personally designated successor Dilma Rousseff, whom he helped elect in 2011 and again in 2014, Brazilian diplomacy, on a stronger ideological footing and forging alliances with the major emerging countries, promotes a democratization of world governance, which it sees as being excessively dominated by the United States and the wealthy nations, despite the profound changes that are reshaping the global scenario.

In this book, Patrick Howlett-Martin undertakes a clear-sighted and exceptionally well-documented and up-to-date analysis of the resources and priorities characterizing the foreign policy of a country emerging as a fully-fledged player on the international stage.



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