

UN Resolution on Spying Weakened by Pressure from U.S. and Allies



United Nations, November 26 (RHC)-- A United Nations panel has adopted a resolution expressing concern about mass surveillance. The proposal was drafted by Germany and Brazil, which, according to revelations by Edward Snowden, have both been subjected to extensive U.S. spying.

But the measure was toned down following pressure from the United States, Britain and other allies. A reference to the intrusive nature of collecting metadata -- details such as which phone numbers are involved in a call and how long the call lasts -- was spiked.

Brazil's deputy ambassador to the United Nations said the measure should have been stronger.

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