# Tax Treaty Override Brazil

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Case 1) CSLL Case – contribution on net profits

 Case 2) CIDE-Royalties Case – contribution on payment of royalties abroad

### CSLL - Contribution on Net Profit

- CSLL created on 1988
  - Tax Payers: all companies
- Would the conventions apply to CSLL?
- Brazil-Austria Convention (1975)
- Brazil-Spain Convention (1976)

### Article 2 - OECD Model Convention

• "4. The Convention shall apply also to any identical or substantially similar taxes that are imposed after the date of signature of the Convention in addition to, or in place of, the existing taxes. The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall notify each other of any significant changes that have been made in their taxation laws".

### OECD: Taxes x Contributions

"social security charges paid where there is a direct connection between the levy and the individual benefits to be received, shall not be regard as "taxes on the total amount of wages"

## Taxes x Contributions in Brazil 1964–1987



fees

improvement contributions

Compulsory loans

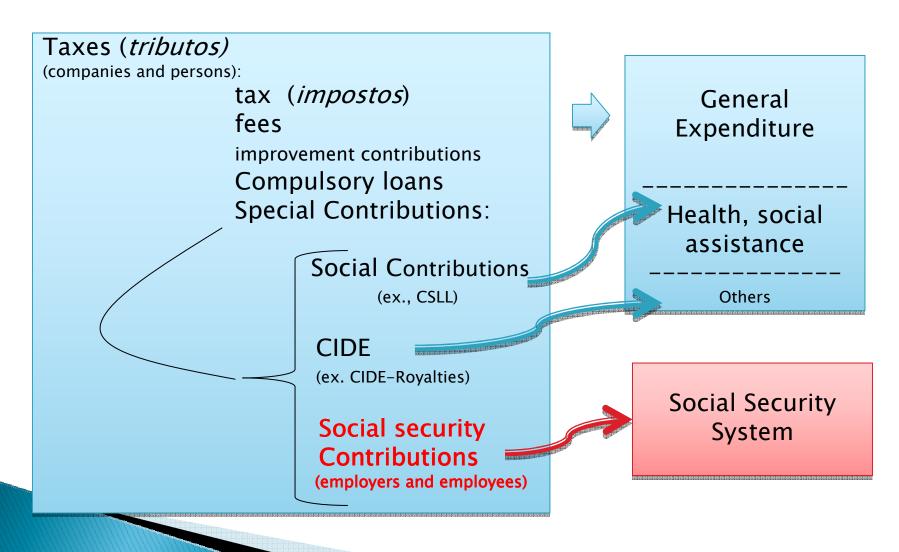
General Expenditure

Social Contribution Charges
(employers and employees)



Social Security
System

# Taxes x Contributions in Brazil after 1988



 Brazil-Portugal Convention (1991) and Brazil Belgium-Convention (1997) explicitly refer to CSLL

 CIDE-Royalties has still not been submitted to judgment before the Tax Courts of Brazil