

Human Rights Council  
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Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
Brazilian Intervention

Mr.

President,

Brazil welcomes the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Madam Victoria Tauli Corpuz. We are sure that her extensive experience and unequivocal commitment to the promotion of the rights of indigenous peoples - as she has demonstrated throughout her tenure at the UN Forum on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - will contribute to achieve, to the maximum extent possible, the objectives that guide her mandate.

Though Brazil understands the difficulties identified by the Special Rapporteur to set overarching priorities for the implementation of her mandate, we agree with the priority she plans to attach to the equitable realization of economic, social and cultural rights, together with the environmental rights, by all indigenous peoples.

Brazil stands ready to share its experience and to seek the expertise of the Special Rapporteur to improve our actions in this field. Overcoming poverty, neglect and inequality is paramount if we wish to raise the capacity of indigenous peoples to have all their human rights fully and effectively protected. But to do so, States must also engage with indigenous peoples and consult them in a way that is respectful of their culture, systems of belief and decision making processes.

To conclude, Brazil would like to express its gratitude to the former Special Rapporteur, Mr. Anaya. He paid an official visit to Brazil in 2008 and realized numerous visits to our country, at the invitation of the Brazilian government. His readiness to provide his insight and expertise on such complex matters deserve our acknowledgement and gratitude, coupled with our best wishes for his future undertakings.

Thank you.