



HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL 45TH REGULAR SESSION

ITEM 3 – INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

(JOINT) STATEMENT BY THE CONSELHO INDIGENISTA MISSIONÁRIO [...]

Delivered by Mr. Paulo Lugon Arantes

Mr. Cali Tzay,

A warm welcome from us.

The indigenous mandate visited Brazil in 2016, whose report was comprehensive and inclusive. It already made an alarming diagnosis on the deterioration of the situation of indigenous peoples in the country, including various outbreaks of violence.

Based on an economic agenda that neglects sustainable development, the Brazilian government now implements a series of measures against indigenous constitutional rights, aiming at deregulation, budget cuts, dismantling the FUNAI, and staff with no experience with indigenous issues.

Hate speech at the highest level and criminalization of indigenous peoples and movements, a government *modus operandi*, legitimizes violence on the ground.

The treatment afforded to indigenous peoples during COVID-19 is a portrait of the government's conscious risk of atrocity against several of those peoples, including the non-contacted groups.

The temporal framework thesis, blocking demarcation of lands persists, despite a warning from the former Rapporteur.

This Council must assume its preventive role on the ongoing atrocities against indigenous peoples in Brazil, before it is too late.

I thank you.



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