Item 11: Enhancing the participation of indigenous peoples’ in the United Nations

Item 9: Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Chair of the UNPFII, the Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples, and members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Human Rights Committee on UNDRIP implementation

Statement by the Conselho Indigenista Missionário – CIMI

This is a joint statement by 21 indigenous and civil society organizations, movements and articulations.

The news we bring about indigenous peoples in Brazil is dramatic.

The brutal murder of indigenist Bruno Pereira and British journalist Dom Phillips is just one sample of the pattern of systematic attacks against indigenous peoples. The obituary is extensive, also including Edivaldo Manuel de Souza, of the Atikum people; the slaughters on the Rio Abacaxis, the murder of Chikitanos and the recent executions against the Guarani and Kaiowá peoples, murdering the indigenous Vitor Fernandes, in a bloody conflict that lasts for decades.

The Bolsonaro government’s promises at COP26 were empty words, with no tangible results after almost a year, but on the contrary, paralyzing the process of demarcations and spreading toxic hate speech against indigenous Peoples. Mother Earth’s fever is not healed with the indigenous blood spilled by Brazil – to the contrary.

The delay of the Supreme Court in judging the issue of the time frame aggravates the extermination of indigenous peoples in Brazil. The case is ready for a judgement, but there have been successive postponements for the last three years.
It was necessary to appeal to the International Criminal Court in view of the ongoing international crimes against indigenous peoples in Brazil. Today, the European Parliament adopts a strong resolution on Brazil's massacres on indigenous peoples and destruction of its biomes.

We support the country engagement mechanism, which should be a State policy of Brazil. However, the presentation of the Representative of Brazil in the dialogue yesterday presented distorted and out of context information, masking the current real indigenous policy. The civic space in Brazil is closed, without any possibility for dialogue and engagement. There are open threats against the electoral process. The engagement between the EMRIPR and Brazil should also include the Judiciary, in order to be strengthened.

We ask for the solidarity of the international community at this dramatic moment that indigenous peoples in Brazil are going through.

Thank you very much.

1. Articulação dos Povos Indígenas do Brasil (APIB)
2. Articulação para o Monitoramento dos Direitos Humanos no Brasil
3. Assessoria Popular Maria Felipa (APMF)
4. Assessoria de Advogados e Advogadas pela Democracia, Justiça e Cidadania (ADJC Nacional)
5. Aty Guasu - Grande Assembleia Guaraní e Kaiowá
6. Centro de Pesquisa e Extensão em Direito Socioambiental (CEPEDIS)
7. Coletivo Por um Brasil Democrático (CPBD-LA)
8. Conselho Indígena de Roraima (CIR)
9. Conselho Indigenista Missionário (CIMI)
10. Conselho Terena
11. FIAN Brasil - Organização pelo Direito Humano à Alimentação e à Nutrição Adequadas
12. FIAN International
13. Iepé - Instituto de Pesquisa e Formação Indígena
14. Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas (Ibase)
15. Justiça Global
16. Movimento Nacional de Direitos Humanos (MNDH Brasil)
17. Observatório de Protocolos Comunitários de Consulta e Consentimento
18. RCA - Rede de Cooperação Amazônica
19. Rede Eclesial Panamazonica (REPAM)
20. Rede Sul-Americana para as Migrações Ambientais (Resama)
21. Terra de Direitos