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**DIALOGUE WITH RAPPORTEUR DR. JAMES ANAYA**

1. Mr. Rapporteur, by way of giving continuity to our dialogue, Brazil would like to take this opportunity to submit information on recent measures adopted to strengthen the country's indigenist policies.
2. The Federal Government has implemented significant improvements to the National Indian Foundation (Fundação Nacional do Índio – FUNAI), the body with primary responsibility for coordinating and executing indigenist policies in Brazil.
3. Through Decree 7056/2009, issued by President Lula, FUNAI has undergone extensive restructuring. Specifically, the institution's former centralized model has been replaced with an organizational structure guided by a participatory management system. To date, a total of 36 regional coordinating units and 297 local technical coordinating units have been established. In addition, committees composed of representatives of FUNAI and indigenous communities will be created. The committees will be tasked with determining the priorities of individual communities, preparing plans to this end, and following up the execution of those priorities with indigenous populations.
4. With a view to qualifying FUNAI personnel, specific indigenist career tracks have been established, including the positions of Indigenism Agent and Indigenist Expert. Consequently, all entering FUNAI staff personnel will be required to have specific knowledge of indigenous questions.
5. Further, FUNAI staff personnel have received pay raises to stimulate enhanced performance of their functions, while the agency has forged an additional 3,100 new positions.
6. Through the restructuring process, 6 new ethno-environmental protection fronts have been

established to work with isolated and recently contacted groups. The new ethno-environmental fronts, which bring the agency's total to 12, represent a significant expansion of FUNAI. They also serve to augment the protection of isolated and recently contacted groups while bolstering the official policy of preventing forced contacts.

7. I would like to take this opportunity to invite the participants in this Forum to a side event on Brazil's 100 Years of Indigenist Policy. The event will take place tomorrow, April 23, in Room 5, from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Our objective will be to demonstrate the expertise amassed from 1910, year in which the Indian Protection Service (Serviço de Proteção ao Índio - SPI) was founded, extending over the various stages of Brazilian indigenist policy, and extending through the present day, when the construction of a new relationship between indigenous peoples and the Brazilian government and society founded on dialogue and cooperation has taken shape.

Thank you.