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**Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
9<sup>th</sup> Session**

**Review of the mandate of the Expert Mechanism (ITEM 3)**

The Brazilian government welcomes several proposals discussed during the Expert Workshop to review the mandate of EMRIP, held in Geneva last April, as well as many of the suggestions put forward by the UN Secretary General in his report on progress made in the implementation of the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (A/70/84).

We believe the scope of the mandate of the Expert Mechanism should be explicitly based on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which is not the case now (HRC Resolution 6/36)

As regards the outcome of the work of the Expert Mechanism, we understand priority should be given to the following types of documents and activities:

- General observations and interpretations of specific articles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Annual global reports on developments regarding the implementation of the Declaration.

- Assistance to Member States in monitoring and evaluating progress and overcoming obstacles to better achieve the goals of the Declaration, including in relation to the implementation of relevant country-specific recommendations concerning indigenous peoples issued by human rights mechanisms as the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, HRC special procedures and treaty-monitoring bodies.

- Support to Member States and indigenous peoples in the preparation of national strategies and action plans for the implementation of the Declaration, including in relation to following up on the recommendations of other indigenous-specific mandates and the United Nations human rights system.

- Technical assistance to the private sector regarding the rights of indigenous peoples.

- Follow-up on previous studies of the Expert Mechanism.

- Collection and dissemination of information regarding good practices for achieving the goals of the Declaration from all relevant sources, including treaty bodies, the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and member States.

As regards institutional aspects and the functioning of the Expert Mechanism, we would like to propose the following guidelines:

- There should be enhanced cooperation and interaction between the Expert Mechanism and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and other special procedures mandate holders involved in the protection and promotion of indigenous peoples' rights.

- Cooperation and interaction should be enhanced between the Expert Mechanism and other mechanisms of the Human Rights Council, including, as appropriate, the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises and the President and Bureau of the Council.
  
- Cooperation and interaction should be enhanced between the Expert Mechanism and the United Nations human rights system in general, including the treaty bodies and the Universal Periodic Review.
  
- Cooperation and interaction should be enhanced between the Expert Mechanism and specialized agencies, mechanisms, organizations and multilateral processes beyond the United Nations human rights system.
  
- Members of the Expert Mechanism should be independent and have qualifications reflecting the resulting mandate. There should be balance in terms of gender and geographical representation.
  
- The Expert Mechanism should use information and communications technologies, including webcasting.
  
- Easy access by indigenous peoples to the sessions of the Expert Mechanism should continue to be ensured.

Thank you.