

GREATER CARAJAS PROJECT, BRAZIL

The Delegation of the Observer Government of Brazil to the XI Session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations wishes to refer to the written submission of the non-governmental organization SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL under the title of "Violations against indigenous peoples in the area of the Greater Carajás Project", circulated during the present Session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations.

2. In this regard, the Delegation of the Observer Government of Brazil would like to inform the members of the Working Group, as well as other participants of this Session, that yesterday, July 29 1993, the National Indigenous Foundation has signed a protocol with the Brazilian Army and the Companhia Vale do Rio Doce to demarcate the lands of the Awa Guaja and the Krikati. This protocol will be implemented by the Ministry of the Army through its section responsible for mapping and geography works, funded by CVRD.

3. The physical demarcation of the Krikati Reserve will start immediately, and should be completed within 45 days. The physical demarcation of the Awa Guaja Reserve will follow and should be accomplished by November. The demarcation of their land is a fundamental step to stop the invasion of their lands and to enforce national legislation.

4. CVRD has transferred to FUNAI a loan it got from the World Bank in 1982, which amounts to US\$ 13 million, for land demarcation and socioeconomic projects, notably on health and education, to assist indigenous populations in the area of the Greater Carajás Project. US\$ 1.046 million are still to be spent, upon completion of land regularization. CVRD also has financed on its own several development projects in the Xicrin, Catete, Bacaja and Gaviões reserves.