

Thank you Madam Chair.

Greetings to the members of the Forum and fellow delegates.

The Brazilian Constitution recognizes the rights of indigenous peoples to self organize, according to their beliefs, customs and traditions. The Brazilian government is committed to ensuring that the unique perspectives of each ethnic group are taken into account in the elaboration and implementation of public policies and in the relationship with the different national institutions.

This articulation between government branches is carried out by the National Foundation of the Indian - FUNAI, whose mission is to protect and promote the social and civil rights of indigenous peoples in Brazil

Funai has been developing actions aimed at food and nutritional security; at providing equitable access to justice as well as social security benefits.

The Brazilian government is implementing several programs to promote the economic empowerment of indigenous peoples, including the possibility for them to create economic sustainable projects in their own lands, in the understanding that this can improve the quality of life of indigenous communities throughout the country.

These actions reflect the government's commitment to act in the protection of indigenous peoples, always seeking the dignity of the human person, the pacification of conflicts and legal security.

I thank you.