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## Call on the Brazilian Government to stop Deforestation, protect the Amazon sustainably and guarantee the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples with a long-term Action Plan

Dear Excellency Mr./Ms. Ambassador of Brazil  
To whom it may concern

In this letter, the signatory parties address you to express their deep concern about the unchecked destruction of the Amazon rainforest and other Brazilian biomes. The signatory parties call for an ambitious, long-term action plan to preserve the Amazon as a livelihood for numerous Indigenous Peoples and as a significant CO<sub>2</sub> storage and conservation area.

According to INPE (the Brazilian National Institute for Space Research), never before since the beginning of records has so much Amazon rainforest been destroyed as in the first six months of 2020. An area the size of 120 football fields disappears per hour. The Pantanal, the Cerrado and other unique vegetation zones are also in flames to an unprecedented extent.

Dear Mr. / Ms. Ambassador: If effective measures for the long-term protection of the Amazon and adjacent biomes are not implemented now, the Amazon will collapse - with fatal consequences for the regional and global climate.

During the last few months, representatives of Brazilian and international companies and the financial sector have repeatedly demanded sustainable and stringent measures from Brazil to get the fires and environmental destruction under control. However, as the historically high numbers of deforestation and destruction show, both the decree N° 10.424 and the foundation of the Amazon Council are not able to contain the imminent catastrophe.

Under the #HandsOffTheAmazon, the Brazilian indigenous umbrella organization APIB together with partners has therefore carried out a social media campaign over the last few months. Within the framework of this campaign, the signatory parties are contacting you.

Dear Mr./Ms. Ambassador: The undersigned parties and all individuals who have participated in the social media campaign #HandsOffTheAmazon therefore again urge the Brazilian government to take action and to:

- Present and implement a plan with concrete milestones to fight deforestation and protect Indigenous Peoples rights in the long-term.
- Stop and prohibit production or trade on areas deforested after 2018.
- Demarcate the territories of Indigenous Peoples as indicated in the Brazilian constitution.
- Stop the production on or trade from areas inhabited by Indigenous Peoples and/or traditional communities without their full consent.
- Strengthen Brazilian environmental agencies.



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- Impose conditionality for traceability of soft commodities (e.g. beef, soy) and other goods (e.g. timber, minerals) within the framework of a due diligence law in supply chains.

Yours faithfully,

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