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Excellency,

Recalling the previous letters of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, I write to inform you that in the course of its 75th session, the Committee received information on new developments concerning the situation of the Indigenous Land of Raposa Serra do Sol (RSS).

In this regard, the Committee welcomes the decision of the Federal Supreme Court on the demarcation of Raposa, which allows the Government to complete the removal of non-indigenous trespassers. The Committee would urge the State party to continue its positive steps and ensure careful implementation of this decision so as to avoid any negative repercussions.

The Committee would also appreciate to receive an update on this ongoing process to have a full understanding of the situation and its progression and would thus like to reiterate its request for detailed information contained in its letter of 7 March 2008.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to engaging in a constructive dialogue with the Government of Brazil, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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