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Excellency,

I write to inform you that in the course of its 106th session, the Committee considered additional information received under its early warning and urgent action procedure, related to the situation of indigenous peoples and Afro-Brazilians, in the context of COVID-19 in Brazil.

The Committee would like to thank the State party for its reply dated 18 October 2021 in response to the Committee's letter of 25 August 2021. It takes note of the information provided by your Government with regard to the allegations set out in the Committee's previous letter.

Notwithstanding, the Committee regrets that the State party has provided no information on some of the allegations set out in the Committee's previous letter. In this regard, the Committee would like to request that the State party provide updated and detailed information on the situation of indigenous peoples and Afro-Brazilians in the context of COVID-19, during the presentation of its eighteenth to twentieth periodic reports, which will take place at the 108th session of the Committee (Geneva, 14 November to 2 December 2022).

In particular, the Committee requests the State party to provide information on: a) the allegations of the lack of stock of oxygen in hospitals in regions inhabited by indigenous peoples and of adequate emergency flow of oxygen supply, which reportedly exacerbated the deaths from COVID-19 among indigenous peoples; b) the allegations of refusal by some civil registry offices to recognize the indigenous identity of the deceased, which has allegedly deepened the underreporting of indigenous deaths; c) the investigations on the incidents of police violence in the operation carried out in Complexo de Lins Vasconcelos and in the community of Jacarezinho; d) the actions taken to guarantee the full compliance with the ruling of the Supreme Court to ban police operations in communities of Rio de Janeiro during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Allow me, Excellency, to reiterate the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of Brazil, with a view to ensuring the effective implementation of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Verene Shepherd".

Verene Shepherd
Chair
Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination