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Mrs. President,

We have become aware of the dramatic situation faced by the Indigenous peoples in the region of the Javari Valley, in the State of Amazonas. It has become apparent that the Kanamari, Kulina, Korubo, Mayoruna, Matis and Marubo peoples are at risk of disappearing due to endemic diseases, like malaria and hepatitis. We have been informed that there are communities in the region in which more than 80% of the inhabitants have been infected by Hepatitis B, which is recognized as an incurable disease. We have also found out that the Brazilian Government's presence in the region is precarious, and that the necessary measures to prevent and treat the diseases have not been taken.

In view of the seriousness of the situation, and hoping that this painful reality of the Indigenous peoples can be changed for the better, we call for the implementation of the following measures which will allow the Indigenous peoples to better their quality of life:

- Presence of a permanent, multi-discipline health team in the area (doctors, nurses, dentists, infectologist);
- Construction of basic clinics and basic infra-structure for the preservation of vaccines;
- Serological testing of all the Indigenous peoples of the Javari Valley;
- Acquisition of well-equipped and rapid boats for attending and transporting sick people;
- Basic sanitation services;
- Construction of landing strips and small plane flight hours which are guaranteed in the health budget;
- Formation of health agents and midwives;
- Prevention and control of malaria;
- Short-term urgency: the construction of a new building for the "House of Indigenous Health" hospital in the town of Atalaia do Norte, and the construction of a guest-house for patients who are carriers of endemic diseases.

Assured of your immediate attention, we thank you,

Sincerely,

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Signature  
COMPLETE NAME  
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