

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AND SENATE

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Dear Mr. Arthur Lira,

Dear Mr. Rodrigo Pacheco,

With this letter we, Members of Parliament, would like to express our utmost concern regarding the possibility of the approval of a package composed of legislative proposals that will likely increase deforestation, violence against Indigenous and traditional communities and worsen socio-environmental conditions. Therefore, we hope that Brazilian National Congress and its Director Boards will take a strong stand against these setbacks in socio-environmental legislation.

We specifically refer our concern to the approval of the following topics: mining on indigenous lands (Bill No. 191/2020, proposed by the House of Representatives); land tenure regularization (Bill No. 2633/2020 in the House of Representatives, and Bill No. 510/2021 in the Federal Senate); and environmental licensing (Bill No. 3729/2004 and addendums, currently in the House of Representatives, and Senate Bill No. 168/2018).

Moving forward with these legislative proposals endangers our current and future relations, as we are committed to align with the Paris Climate Agreement, the Sustainable Development Goals and the respect for Human Rights. Biodiversity and a safe climate are foundational pillars for our shared future and our development pathway must proceed within the world's ecological limits.

Actions that provoke more deforestation and impair the rule of law or human rights standards, undermine a safe climate and the world's biodiversity. Therefore, such actions should be contingent upon any trade agreements. We are profoundly worried that the proposed legislative package threatens our joint mission and endangers our future economic and trade relations.

We would like to consider Brazil our partner in a joint effort for a better world. A world that protects human rights, respects biodiversity and the climate, and supports thriving societies. One major priority of the moment is to control and contain the Covid-19 pandemic, guaranteeing vaccines and economic support to the population of every nation. This goes hand in hand with reestablishing the conditions for social and economic recovery on sustainable bases. More deforestation, land grabbing and environmental crimes at the expense of human rights are diametrically opposed to this.

Yours sincerely,

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2. Claudia Roth, Vice-President of the German Bundestag
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