

# Survival



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## **Projeto Relatório Figueiredo – Figueiredo Report Project**

Dear Professor Plens

Thank you very much for sending me the summary of your project to systematize and document the “Figueiredo Report”. This is a seminal report in the history of Brazil’s indigenous peoples and their relationship with national society and deserves to be better known and understood.

The scope and aims of your project are important especially because the results will help future generations of researchers, indigenous peoples, journalists and national and international society better understand and appreciate the context in which the report was written, and the magnitude of the crimes and atrocities committed against indigenous peoples last century.

Interpreting, understanding and contextualizing historical memory is of course a vital tool in helping to shape positive actions in the present as well as to address historic wrongs. In the context of the current assault on indigenous peoples in Brazil and weakening of their constitutional rights, it seems essential to have a thorough overview of the events and policies which resulted in the Figueiredo Report and an analysis and systematization of the crimes documented in the report to prevent the unleashing of similar devastating scenarios of abuse of indigenous peoples’ rights as happened last century.

One important outcome of the project is that the resulting research data and publications could help indigenous peoples seek justice, redress and reparations for the violent crimes committed against their lives and livelihoods: murder, assassinations, torture, rape, slavery, land theft and destruction of property. If they succeed this would set important judicial precedents and serve as a warning to those who are committing serious human rights violations with impunity today that they too will be held accountable for their crimes.

As you know, Survival International was founded in 1969 following the publication of the article “Genocide” by Norman Lewis in the UK’s Sunday Times Magazine which examined the appalling situation of some of Brazil’s indigenous as a result of the publication of the Figueiredo Report.

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Survival International therefore welcomes the breadth and scope of the proposed Projeto Relatório Figueiredo and believes that it is an important and vital initiative which should have long lasting and positive impacts on indigenous peoples and Brazil's justice system, and enhance the work of national and international human rights organizations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiona Watson". The script is cursive and fluid.

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