



July 31, 2012

Dr. Bela Feldman-Bianco

President

Brazilian Anthropological Association (ABA - Associação Brasileira de Antropologia)

Dear Dr. Feldman-Bianco,

The Executive Committee of the IUAES, the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, has received the letter from you and João Pacheco de Oliveira concerning Act N° 303 issued by Brazilian Federal Attorney's Office and published on July 17, 2012. As representatives of an international organization of academics in the field of anthropological and ethnological sciences, we have discussed the matter among the members of the Executive Committee, and we endorse ABA's motion and express our concern about the decree which we believe could well be detrimental to the lives of indigenous peoples in Brazil.

Sincerely yours,

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Junji Koizumi

Secretary General on behalf of the Executive Committee

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