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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MEDICI CONDEMNS DEATH SQUADS

1. PRESIDENT MEDICI HAS CONDEMNED CATEGORICALLY ACTIVITIES OF "DEATH SQUADRONS" AND PROMISED ENERGETIC MEASURES TO BEING THEIR MEMBERS TO JUSTICE. PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT WAS IN FORM OF NOTE DISTRIBUTED JULY 24 BY PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY IN NAME MINISTER JUSTICE. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATED TEXT:

QUOTE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC CENSURES AND CONDEMNS, AS HE ALWAYS HAS DONE, THE SO-CALLED SQUADRON OF DEATH WHICH, ON THE PRETEXT OF ELIMINATING CRIMINAL ELEMENTS, PRACTICES HOMICIDES AND OTHER BARBAROUS ACTS. THOSE AGENTS OF CRIME WILL BE PUNISHED EXEMPLARILY BY THE BRAZILIAN COURTS, TO WHICH WILL BE SENT WITH URGENCY THE INQUIRIES THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, IN ORDER THAT THE RESPONSIBILITIES MAY BE DETERMINED.

QUOTE ALTHOUGH THE MATTER IS WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE STATES, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALREADY HAS ORDERED THE MEASURES NECESSARY FOR METING OUT DUE PUNISHMENT TO ALL THOSE WHO, DIRECTLY OR INDIERECTLY, ARE LINKED TO SUCH ORGANIZATIONS.

QUOTE THE POSITION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ONE OF NOT TOLERATING ANY YIELDING WITH RESPECT TO THE DELINQUENTS, NOR ANY DELAY IN CONCLUDING THE INQUIRIES, WITH THE AUTHORITIES BEING ENJOINED TO ACT WITH MAXIMUM FORCE. UNQUOTE

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