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THIRD FORUM OF THE UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 27- 29 May, 2010

Madam President,
Mr. President,

We are pleased to refer to our communication dated 12 March 2010, whereby your parliament was cordially invited to attend and actively participate in the Third Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, to be held in Rio de Janeiro on 27-29 May, under the theme "*Bridging Cultures, Building Peace*".

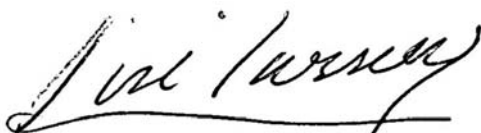
As the host country of this important event, we are particularly proud that, for the first time in Brazil, the Alliance of Civilizations will also seek to feature a strong parliamentary component. This is an expression of the crucial role that we as politicians are called upon to play in fostering political tolerance, understanding among nations, as well as mutual respect and the effective participation of minority groups in public life.

In cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union, we will be holding a half-day parliamentary meeting on 27 May. As part of the main agenda of the Forum, IPU will also be hosting a working session on 28 May that will examine the nexus between democracy, good governance and cultural diversity. This session will be addressed by several prominent legislators.

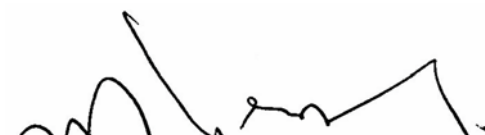
Further information about the Rio Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations, including our original letter of invitation, agenda and registration form, can be accessed from the IPU website at <http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/unaoc10.htm>. Please note that participants are also kindly requested to register directly with the Forum organizers at <http://www.unaoc.org/rioforum/registration/>

We are confident that the Rio Forum will be an extraordinary event from which we all, participants and the international community as a whole, will stand to benefit. We therefore reiterate our invitation for your Parliament to be represented at the Forum and look forward to welcoming you to Rio de Janeiro!

Thanking you for your kind attention to the above, please accept the expression of our highest consideration.



José Sarney
President
Senate of Brazil



Michel Temer
President
Chamber of Deputies, Brazil