

SECRETARY-GENERAL ROUNDTABLE INTERVIEW

Date & Time: Friday, 18 June, 15:15 – 15:45

Venue: Royal Tulip Hotel, Centro de Convenções, G/H room

Media organizations:

- The following news organizations have been invited: Reuters, AFP, AP, Dow Jones, Bloomberg, EFE, ANSA (Italian News Agency), Xinhua, LUSA (Portuguese State News Agency), Deutsche Welle, BBC (Brazilian Service: web + radio), and Prensa Latina (Cuban State News Agency)

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Purpose: To reiterate the themes of the Secretary-General's Latin America visit and to respond to international media organizations' questions on current events.

Format: The Secretary-General will make brief introductory remarks to wrap up his four-country visit to Latin America, and will then take questions from the assembled reporters.

Topics:

- The Secretary-General's visit to Latin America
- The situation in the Middle East/North Africa
- Second term for the Secretary-General

Under-representation of Brazilian nationals in high-ranking positions in the UN Secretariat

- Brazil is among the main contributors to UN regular budget (14th) and among the largest troop contributors to PKOs (13th).
- However, among these countries, Brazil is the least represented in the UN staff, in any rank, not only high positions.
- Brazil is considered to be "underrepresented" in terms of representation among the staff subject to the system of desirable ranges (29 out of 2,886, or 1%) since January 2011.
- The representation of Brazilian nationals in relation of the global UN Secretariat (including PKOs) is even lower (0,39%, or 171 out of 44,134).
- Brazil is the developing country among the top contributors to the regular budget with the worst representation in the UN global Secretariat.
- On the other hand, Brazil's contribution to the regular budget increased by more than 80% from 2009 to 2010 (0,876% to 1,611%). There is a clear situation of underrepresentation.
- As for high-ranking positions, situation got worse in comparison with a few years ago.
- Today, the only Brazilian at USG level is Amb. Sergio Duarte (USG for Disarmament Affairs).
- Same situation in Agencies, Funds and Programmes of the UN System. No Brazilian in important positions, even though our country is among 20 largest donors.