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The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights – Special Procedures Division – and has the honor to convey the attached comments from the Government of Brazil in response to letter OL BRA 7/2019, dated 27 May 2019.

The Permanent Mission of Brazil in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.



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To the  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)  
Palais des Nations  
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## Federal Republic of Brazil

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The Government of the Federal Republic of Brazil refers to the Communication from the Special Rapporteur on the Implications for Human Rights of the Environmental Sound Management and Disposal of Hazardous Substances and Wastes, dated 27 May 2019 (OL BRA 7/2019).

2. The internal ratification process of the 'Ban Amendment' to the 'Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal' follows standard legal procedures, under the Federal Constitution.

3. According to the Federal Constitution, the ratification of treaties involves different steps. After the negotiation, agreement and signature of the treaty, it is submitted to the Chamber of Deputies (lower house). Following debate and approval by the Chamber, it is referred to the Senate (upper house), which, then, may decide to approve the text, and send it for promulgation by the President.

4. The 'Ban Amendment' has been duly transmitted to Congress as "Message of International Agreements, Covenants, Treaties and Acts n° 581/18" and is under analysis by the Chamber of Deputies. It follows the priority regime, established by Article n. 151, II, of the Internal Rules of the Chamber of Deputies (RICD).

5. At the Chamber of Deputies, it will undergo the review of the Commissions on Foreign Affairs and National Defense; Environment and Sustainable Development and Constitution and Justice and Citizenship (Article 54, RICD).

6. Further information on the status of internalization process will be provided, as it becomes available.

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