



***Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office
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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 United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights – Special Procedures Division – and, with reference to letter AL BRA 4/2021, dated 31 May 2021, has the honor to transmit herewith the response from the Brazilian Ministries of Women, Family and Human Rights and of Justice and Public Security to the request of information presented by the Special Procedure mandate holders signatories of the abovementioned communication.

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

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the Human Person. The people directly or indirectly victimized are being assisted by the multidisciplinary technical team of the Nucleus of Support to Victims (NAV/MPRJ), subordinated to the CDV.

6. On the same vein, the Brazilian Bar Association and the Public Defender's Office of the State of Rio de Janeiro have acted in the sense of filing actions for compensations.

7. The Brazilian State emphasises that, under the terms of the Federal Constitution of 1988, the federated entities enjoy a relative autonomy, including in the area of public security. In this area, the federated states constitute specific organisations, with responsibilities within the limits of their territories to carry out preventive and repressive actions.

8. Nevertheless, the police operation in the community of Jacarezinho, as well as its consequences, are subject to monitoring by supervisory bodies at the federal level. The 4th Meeting of the Working Group "Observatory on the Human Rights of the Judiciary", in the scope of the National Council of Justice, examined the case, having received prompt information from the Attorney General of Rio de Janeiro on the case.

9. The Federal Supreme Court, in turn, requested measures to the Federal Public Ministry (MPF) and the Public Prosecutor's Office of the State of Rio de Janeiro in order to clarify the case and keep the Court informed of investigative developments. Indeed, the MPF has requested the Governor of Rio de Janeiro and other state authorities and agencies to clarify the circumstances of the police operation carried out in the Jacarezinho community. Later on, the Federal Supreme Court determined that the MPF open its own procedure to investigate possible non-compliance with the decision of the justice by the public security authorities of Rio de Janeiro in the operation in Jacarezinho.

10. It is also worth noting that Law 13,675/2018, established the National Policy on Security and Social Defense, which include the principles that should govern the relationship between the state and society on issues related to this area of activity.

11. In its article 4, items I, II and III, the mentioned law provides for due respect for the national legal order, the protection of human rights and the promotion of citizenship and dignity of the human person without distinction of any kind.

12. Under this law, the federal government has implemented a series of programmes and projects aimed at tackling the causes of violence and crime in Brazil in a comprehensive manner. The federal government seeks to encourage all institutions with responsibility for public security to adopt mechanisms aimed at reducing violent lethality, whether by ordinary citizens or, especially, by agents of the state.

13. In relation specifically to the agents of the state, in all levels of the federation, the federal government frequently participates in the development and offer of continued training programs, with emphasis on the themes of community policing, human rights, preservation of life, good practices of criminal prevention and police procedures in situations of confrontation that can culminate in loss of life. Through these training processes, the Ministry of Justice and Public Security seeks especially to raise awareness of the Brazilian police officers to a professional practice that has, as a precept, the police-citizen relationship inserted in the development of a culture of peace.

14. Among the initiatives recently undertaken by the federal government that are preventive in nature and dedicated to reducing the rates of violence in the country, the following should be highlighted:

(a) Program to Confront Homicide and other Violent Crimes, through a pilot project in the municipalities of Ananindeua/PA, Cariacica/ES, Goiânia/GO, Paulista/PE and São José dos Pinhais/PR, with high criminal indices, especially homicides, obtaining very satisfactory results, which recommends its expansion to a new set of municipalities in accordance with the National Public Policy on Security and Social Defense.

(b) Implementation of the Project for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Family Violence against Women (ProMulher) in the context of Public Security, through the Ordinance Senasp nº 41/2020, whose goal is to implement, until the 2022, actions in the scope of public security, in the levels of primary, secondary and tertiary levels of prevention, to contribute to the reduction of domestic and family violence against women.

(c) Project of violence prevention, created by the National Program of Public Security with Citizenship - PRONASCI (Law nº 11.530/2007), entitled MULHERES DA PAZ and PROTEJO, through which the Executive Branch grants financial assistance to young people recently discharged from compulsory military service, as well as to young adults and adolescents exposed to domestic and urban violence, homeless people, and to social activists women.

(d) Promotion of preventive actions based on the doctrine of Community Policing, in a cross-cutting manner to the Program to Combat Homicide and other Violent Crimes. These actions are guided by the search for innovation, the use of technology, reducing crime rates through initiatives integrated with public security authorities of the federated entities.

(e) The upcoming launch of protocols of assistance, under the coordination of the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, such as the National Protocol of Investigation and Expertise on Penal Offenses against children and adolescents, the National Guidelines for Police Attendance to Women in Situations of Domestic Violence and Family Violence and the National Guidelines for the Implementation of Public Security to Vulnerable Groups.
