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Support note to Ibama's inspectors due to the unfortunate events that happened in Roraima

The Association of Federal Environmental Civil Servants (ASCEMA Nacional) comes public to publicize a statement from Ibama's civil servants on duty during the joint inspection with the Environmental Military Police in Roraima's countryside, on 01/31/2020, which culminated in the death of a logger.

We, IBAMA's civil servants, come public to mourn the death of a logger in Rorainópolis, Roraima, which occurred during the inspection of a complaint of illegal deforestation.

Although the fight against such crimes, especially in the Amazon region, is of vital importance for Brazil and the world, we do not wish to turn the Amazon into a war zone.

However, due to current public policies for the region, supported by the Federal Government's speech against the institutions that have the constitutional duty to protect the environment, coupled with the incitement by local politicians to commit environmental crimes, , there is an increasing tension throughout the region, resulting in escalating aggressiveness of the conflicts.

IBAMA's agents report that they were unarmed, thus, the Environmental Military Police had to accompany them. Upon their arrival the group was confronted with shots and had to defend themselves. One person involved in the conflict was hit and immediately rescued by the agents.

The information given by IBAMA's inspectors is that the Environmental Military Police fulfilled its duty to protect the lives of the team members that were at risk. Hence, IBAMA expects to keep the partnership with the Environmental Military Police.

We sympathize with the victim's family and friends as well as with the entire population of Rorainópolis and are completely in favor of the investigation of the facts that led to this tragic event. Also, we condemn the opportunistic use of this tragedy by local politicians who are always seeking advantage in environmental destruction.

Finally, we reaffirm our constitutional commitment to abide by the environmental laws and the principles of sustainable development."

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