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INDIGENOUS ATTORNEY FROM BRAZIL COMING TO WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON THE SITUATION IN THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Luiz Henrique Eloy Amado, an indigenous and human rights attorney from Brazil will be in Washington, D.C. from September 23rd to 27th to offer expert testimony and information about the situation of indigenous peoples in the Brazilian Amazon and developments under the Bolsonaro administration.

Eloy Amado is representing the Coordination of the Indigenous Organizations from the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB), the largest regional indigenous organization in Brazil. COIAB mobilizes roughly 160 distinct peoples and 440,000 individuals, nearly 60% of the country's indigenous population, who collectively occupy approximately 110 million hectares in the Brazilian Amazon. Speaking on behalf of COIAB, Eloy Amado will also join attorneys from Indian Law Resource Center in a series of private meetings with officials at U.S. government agencies and the Organization of American States to discuss the threats indigenous peoples are facing in their efforts to protect the Amazon rainforest.

Eloy Amado will speak at the following public meetings:

1. The Inter American Commission on Human Rights will hold a hearing, “Environmental Protection in the Amazon and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Brazil,” on Friday, September 27th, 2019, from 12:45 pm to 1:45 pm, at the Commission’s headquarters in Washington, D.C. The hearing will also be live streamed at: <http://www.oas.org/en/iachr/multimedia/sessions/173/default.asp>
2. A roundtable discussion with Washington D.C.-based civil society organizations will take place at the National Congress of American Indians’ headquarters in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, September 25th, 2019, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Media interested in interviewing Eloy Amado while he is in Washington, D.C. may contact the Indian Law Resource Center.

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