



### **Declaration of the Rio Group in solidarity with Brazil**

The Rio Group National Coordinators, gathered in Prague, Czech Republic, on occasion of the second preparatory meeting of the institutionalized ministerial dialogue of the Mechanism with the European Union, express their solidarity to the people and government of Brazil in view of the deplorable loss of lives and unaccountable damages to persons and goods, due to torrential rains occurred in the last few days up North and Northwest of that sibling country.

The Rio Group conveys its most sincere condolences to the relatives of victims of these natural phenomena and wishes the prompt restoration of normality in those regions affected.

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