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Further Information on UA 13/05 (AMR 19/001/2005, 18 January 2005) and follow-up (AMR 19/006/2005, 7 March 2005) - Fear for safety

BRAZIL 400 members of the Guarani-Kaiowá Indigenous Community in Cerro Marangatú

On 29 March, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva ratified the disputed Cerro (Ñande Ru) Marangatú indigenous area, from which the 400 members of the Guarani-Kaiowá tribe were threatened with eviction. The indigenous community in the area is celebrating and is awaiting the final formal step in the process of obtaining land rights, the registration of the indigenous area.

The President ratified the land the day before the launch of Amnesty International's report "*Foreigners in our own country*": *Indigenous Peoples of Brazil* (AMR 19/002/2005). The report addresses the link between the failure of successive Brazilian governments to resolve the problems of indigenous land rights and violence committed against indigenous leaders by those interested in preventing the indigenous population from obtaining the rights to their ancestral lands. The connection between land rights and violence is illustrated with a description of the situation of the Guarani-Kaiowá in Mato Grosso do Sul.

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action Network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.