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Excellencies,

In the spirit of our close cooperation, I wish to convey a number of urgent concerns which I hope to work swiftly with the COP30 Presidency and the Governor of the State of Pará to resolve.

1. Security incident at the venue

At 19:11hrs on 11 November 2025, a group of approximately 150 demonstrators forced their way onto the UN premises causing damages to property and minor injuries to security staff tasked with securing the venue. The intruders were part of a larger group who had been participating in a march which was approved by the state authorities on that day in the streets of Belem.

As part of the security plan for the COP 30 event, the Brazilian security authorities have an exclusion (Red) zone for demonstrations in the area surrounding the COP 30 venue in order to guarantee the safety and security of participants to COP30. The Plan also identifies an Orange Zone, where security forces are required to intervene should demonstrators approach or attempt to cross into the Red Zone. Despite these provisions, demonstrators deviated from the approved march route, entered the Red Zone, and proceeded unhindered into the inviolable Blue Zone, under the observation of Brazilian authorities who failed to take action or enforce the agreed security plan. This represents a serious breach of the established security framework and raises significant concerns regarding compliance with the Host Country's security obligations. The security forces and command structure required to execute the security plan were all present on the ground during the incident but failed to act.

Following the breach, a meeting was convened at the COP30 Blue Zone premises with all relevant security authorities involved in both the planning and operational phases, including representatives from the CICC (City Control Center) and federal security officials and representatives in Brasília. During this meeting, it was agreed that a visible host country uniformed security presence would be positioned at designated positions at all entry and exit points to the Blue Zone and that the Government of Brazil would conduct pre-screening operations — verifying accreditation badges and invitation letters — to ensure that only accredited participants could approach the conference venue. These measures were to be implemented by 06:00 hrs this morning however nothing was in place. UNDSS has subsequently engaged with the Federal Police to establish a visible security presence which has only been partially achieved at the main entrance. Small actions/demonstrations have been taking place this morning in front of the Blue Zone and UNDSS has requested the Federal Police to intervene to disperse the participants, however the Federal Police have advised that they were instructed by the Casa Civil (Office of the President) not to intervene. This is in contravention of the security plan which forbids actions in the Red Zone.



The current vulnerabilities exist:

- Failure of the security authorities to deploy at entry, exit and vulnerable positions around the Blue Zone.
- Weakness of the physical security perimeter including poor quality of doors and gates which could not be secured during the intrusion of 11 November.
- Failure of Host Country to provide security personnel in the numbers agreed to in support of the UNDSS security operation within the Blue Zone.
- No guarantee that the Federal/State authorities will act in the event of intrusion into the Red and Blue Zones.
- Failure of UNDSS host country security counterparts to follow-through on agreements reached for enhanced security measures.

I would appreciate if we can receive confirmation that the appropriate security measures, outlined above, will be in place by the end of the day.

2. High Temperatures and Inadequate Air-Conditioning in Venue Areas

The Secretariat has received multiple reports of extremely high temperatures in several areas of the venue including, meeting rooms, offices, pavilions, and workspaces. In many locations, air-conditioning systems are either non-functional or not yet installed. This situation has already led to instances of heat-related health concerns among participants and staff. Immediate intervention is urgently required to ensure that all enclosed areas are adequately ventilated and cooled, to safeguard the well-being of delegates and personnel, and to maintain essential conference operations.

I would appreciate if the Brazilian operations team could promptly provide a clear delivery plan on how temperatures will be brought down within the next 24 hours.

3. Flooding and water leakage at the venue

During recent episodes of heavy rainfall, several areas of the venue experienced significant flooding. Water has entered through the ceiling and light fixtures, creating not only disruption but also potential safety hazards due to electrical exposure. Given the frequency of rainfall in Belém, urgent repairs and waterproofing measures are necessary to prevent further damage and ensure that all affected areas remain safe and operational.

I would appreciate if the Brazilian operations team can provide assurances by the end of today that the structure is intact, and measures are being taken to ensure it can withstand the deluge rainstorms we are likely to experience.

4. Conditions of delegation offices, pavilions and other facilities

A number of delegations have expressed serious concern regarding the poor condition of the delegation offices provided. Despite the considerable costs incurred by Parties for their office and pavilion spaces, the conditions delivered in several cases fall below agreed standards and, in some instances, are not fit for use. Furthermore, there have been multiple complaints regarding the condition of toilet facilities, including broken doors and fixtures. Several facilities were closed entirely yesterday afternoon due to these problems.



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These issues have created considerable discomfort and reputational concern for delegations and participants. The Secretariat would be grateful for the Presidency's and the Casa Civil's immediate attention to ensuring that these basic facilities are restored and maintained in accordance with conference standards.

I would appreciate if a plan can be created, to be communicated to delegations, on how conditions will be improved in delegation offices, by the end of the day. Transparency in our process is of utmost importance.

The Secretariat remains committed to working closely with the COP 30 Presidency, the Casa Civil, and the relevant authorities of the State of Pará to live up to the commitments undertaken in the host country agreement and to address these matters urgently and in the spirit of partnership. Our shared objective is to ensure that the COP 30 venue continues to reflect the professionalism, safety, and inclusiveness expected of a United Nations conference of this global importance.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Simon Stiell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Simon Stiell

cc: Office of the Governor of the State of Pará