

**International Conference “Globalization 4.0, Changing World
Order and the future of Global Economic Governance”**

Keynote Statements (3/10 – 10h00)

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Colleagues and friends,

Let me thank Rector Vladimir Mau for the invitation to attend the annual RANEPA Conference on global governance.

I was asked to comment on the priorities and achievements of the Brazilian Pro Tempore BRICS Chairship in 2019.

This is the third time Brazil chairs BRICS, and this year we have adopted the motto “BRICS: Economic Growth for an Innovative Future”.

Our goal during the Brazilian presidency has been to strengthen collaboration among BRICS countries towards concrete results which can be tangible and beneficial for our societies.

We have focused on four priority areas for pragmatic cooperation: (i) science, technology and innovation; (ii) digital economy; (iii) fight against transnational crime; and (iv) financing for development, including the rapprochement between the New Development Bank (NDB) and the BRICS Business Council.

As you probably know, BRICS presidency is an all-encompassing exercise evolving over 100 meetings. To give an example, at the ministerial level we are holding meetings on agriculture; science, technology and innovation; communications; culture; economy;

energy; environment; foreign affairs; health; labor and employment; presidents of central banks; national security advisors and judicial authorities.

What have we accomplished so far?

Cooperation in science, technology & innovation, in particular, has rapidly expanded during the first decade of BRICS. During our chairship, we are advancing new modalities to facilitate coordination of the various BRICS initiatives in this sector.

We agreed, for instance, on the establishment of the Innovation BRICS Network, which will be a dedicated online platform for (i) fostering dialogue and mutual knowledge, (ii) creating opportunities for capacity-building to its members, (iii) facilitating the access of “startups” from a member country to the areas of innovation of the others; and (iv) promoting soft-landing of high-tech companies in the BRICS countries.

On health matters, we deepened the work of the BRICS Tuberculosis (TB) Research Network and have also held a workshop on Human Milk Bank, an important issue for health policies of women and children in BRICS countries.

Last September, we convened the meeting of the Council of Think Tanks and the Academic Forum, which counted with representatives from the National Committee on BRICS Research, RANEPA and Higher School of Economics, to mention a few.

On the economic front, the New Development Bank is up and running. We have advanced on the negotiations of a MOU among BRICS Trade and Investment Promotion Agencies (TIPAs), an Agreement on Mutual Customs Assistance and the creation of the BRICS Women Business Alliance. We held a BRICS meeting on Asset Recovery, which allowed us to exchange experiences and best practices.

Security is another topic of growing interest and will be discussed in the upcoming meeting of BRICS National Security Advisors later this month. Particular emphasis is being given to countering terrorism, both through the working group dedicated to this issue and by means of specific initiatives such as the seminar on Strategies for Countering Terrorism held in Brasília last July. We also continue to address the issue of Security on the usage of Information Technology and Communications (ICTs).

We have possible deliverables in other areas, such as energy and space cooperation, which are still under negotiation.

All these efforts will culminate at the XI BRICS Summit, to be held in Brasília, next November, with the presence of the five heads of State. We are honored with the confirmation of all leaders at the summit, including president Vladimir Putin.

The programme of the Summit will also include a meeting of the BRICS Business Forum, which will be instrumental to fostering private sector ties between the countries.

Overall within BRICS, our goal is to keep promoting sovereign and mutually respectful cooperation in a framework of constant dialogue.

Considering the very nature of the work of BRICS, each Chairship advances priorities and builds upon the work previously done. We are certain that, whatever we cannot conclude at our presidency, will certainly be moved on with skill and dedication by the upcoming Russian Chairship in 2020.

Thank you