

# **BRASILIA DECLARATION**

**WE**, represented by legal communities of the BRICS member states having gathered here in Brasilia, on this 12<sup>nd</sup> day of December Two Thousand and Fourteen

**BELIEVING** in the objectives of the BRICS nations as meeting the common interests of emerging market economies and developing countries:

**SHARING** the common aspirations of our people in the BRICS nations to live in peace, freedom, social justice and economic prosperity.

**UNDERLINING** our support for a multipolar, equitable and democratic and democratic world order, based on international, law, equality, mutual respect, cooperation, coordinated action and collective decision-making of all States.

**CONSCIOUS** that in order to realize the said objectives it is necessary to develop co-operation among legal communities of the BRICS nations.

**AWARE** of the fact that law and the legal community have a role to play in developing a legal framework and normative structure for a new world economic order that caters to the needs of more than half the population of the world.

**DO HEREBY** establish jointly the BRICS Legal Forum.

## **I. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the BRICS Legal Forum shall be:

- (i) To promote the legal diplomacy, bring together the legal communities of the BRICS member states for closer co-operation, and promote exchange of legal theory and practice.
- (ii) To use and develop law as an instrument of social change for development as well as for building co-operation among the peoples of the BRICS nations, facilitate BRICS cooperation mechanism, and explore more international space for the development of BRICS nations.
- (iii) To make joint efforts for the reinforcement and strengthening of the rule of law, social, economic and human rights;
- (iv) To cooperate in advancing the status of legal professionals, in developing the legal profession and the scope of its activities and in strengthening the activities of the legal profession and the judiciary in the BRICS countries.
- (v) To interact with international legal associations worldwide for the purpose of advancing the objectives mentioned herein.

## **II Language**

Portuguese, Russian, English and Chinese serve as official language of BRICS Legal Forum, however the communications between the Members will be in English.

### **III Vision, Mission and Strategy:**

#### **Vision**

We shall co-host a high-level forum, thereby promoting the exchanges and cooperation between legal communities, governments and business communities of BRICS member states, and providing legal support for each of our countries in its all-round development.

#### **Mission**

To realize the Vision, the Forum will endeavor to

1. Provide a platform for high-level interactions between legal professionals, government functionaries and business leaders, to promote mutual understanding of diverse BRICS legal systems, policy and legal frameworks, and foster a deeper sense of social responsibility among legal organizations within the region, contributing for the promotion of the Rule of Law, social, economic and cultural developments.
2. Assist in development of a conducive legal and policy framework for the growth of business and trade in the BRICS countries, thereby helping create greater investment, trade and employment opportunities, paving the way for the BRICS

countries to realize the harmonious developmental goals to serve the needs, requirements and aspirations of their peoples.

3. Strive to promote excellence in legal profession and human resources in BRICS region and undertake and encourage legal research on issues of common importance and provide legal-intellectual support for development of policy and legislative frameworks.

### **Strategy**

The Forum will pursue its Mission through the adoption and implementation of appropriate strategies, which will include:

1. Convening conferences, seminars and lectures on a regular basis, to discuss the important emerging legal issues in the area of policy, governance, economic regulation, sustainable development, environment and socio-cultural aspects.
2. Cooperate with the other organizations within this region to promote and strengthen the exchange and cooperation among the legal organizations, education and research institutions, business enterprises, governments and non-government groups in matters of trade, investment, etc.
3. Pursue both independent and collaborative research activities, especially in the areas of legal research, financial cooperation, alternative dispute resolution, legal services and legal



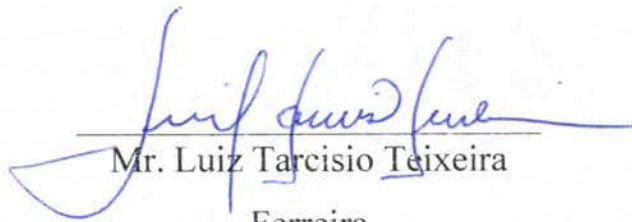
professional training, which will contribute to the overall goals of the Forum.

4. Establish a legal think-tank to act as a brains trust to help power the BRICS countries to be at the forefront of world trade and economic order to bring equal opportunities and benefits to half the population of the globe which the BRICS countries together account for.

#### **IV. Founding Organizations and Participating Members**

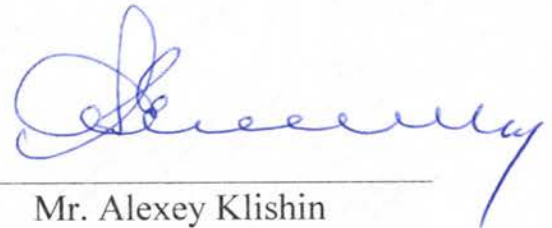
Founding organizations of BRICS Legal Forum include Bar Association of Brazil, Association of Lawyers of Russia, Bar Association of India, China Law Society, Law Society of South Africa, the University of Cape Town and East China University of Political Science and Law.

BRICS Legal Forum is an open platform, and we expect the legal authorities, legal organizations, universities and other legal units to take part in and become the Participating Members of the Forum.



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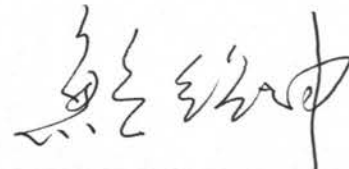
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