

ABERTURA DA REUNIÃO

PALAVRAS MINISTRO BENTO ALBUQUERQUE

AT FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. KIRILL KOMAROV, CHAIRMAN OF WORLD NUCLEAR ASSOCIATION (WNA); AND MRS. AGNETA RISING, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WNA, FOR THE HONOR TO INVITE ME TO MAKE THIS SPEECH TO SUCH A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF EXPERTS BUT ALSO PEOPLE IN GENERAL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE NEW DIRECTIVES OF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR ENERGY.

I CONSIDER THIS AS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT YOU HOW WE INTEND TO IMPROVE THE NUCLEAR ENERGY INTO BRAZILIAN INFRASTRUCTURE.

LET ME POINT OUT SOME OF THE OUR PRIORITIES IN THIS SECTOR:

- BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS STRONGLY COMMITTED IN RESUME ANGRA 3 PROJECT AS CONSIDERS THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF NUCLEAR POWER IN CURRENT AND FUTURE NATIONAL ELECTRIC SYSTEM, ASSURING BASELOAD SECURITY OF SUPPLY FOR AN INTERCONNECTED GRID OF CONTINENTAL DIMENSIONS. ON THIS PURPOSE, THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ITS COMPANY ELETRONUCLEAR AND ITS HOLDING ELETROBRAS, ARE TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS OF A COMPLEX PROCESS, STARTED THIS WEEK WITH A MARKET SOUNDING IN ORDER TO DEFINE A BUSINESS MODEL ATTRACTIVE FOR INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR INDUSTRY PLAYERS PARTNERSHIP. START OF ANGRA 3 COMMERCIAL OPERATION IN 2026 IS THE OBJECTIVE. WE EXPECT WNA SPOTLIGHT EVENT WOULD BE A MILESTONE TO REACH THIS GOAL;

- THE NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN 2050 (PNE 2050) WILL BE PUBLIC BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. THIS PLAN WILL CONSIDER NEW NPPS IN SUPPORT OF GROWING BRAZILIAN ELECTRICITY DEMAND, CONTRIBUTING TO BASELOAD GENERATION AS THE NATIONAL HYDRO PARK WITH BIG RESERVOIRS WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO FULFIL THIS ROLE, ENHANCING SECURITY OF SUPPLY IN FACE OF A GROWING RENEWABLE INSTALLED CAPACITY. IN 2020 - 2030 TIME SCHEDULE, WE ARE CONSIDERING EXISTING TECHNOLOGIES. IN 2040 – 2050, WE MUST CONSIDER ALSO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES, PROVED AT THESE TIMES, AS GENERATION IV AND SMRS; AND

- BRAZIL TAKES PART OF A SELECTED GROUP OF COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BOTH LARGE URANIUM RESERVES AND DEVELOPED TECHNOLOGY TO PROCESS IN NUCLEAR FUEL. IT SEEMS UNREASONABLE NOT PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL MARKET AS A SUPPLIER, IN ORDER TO TRANSFER TO SOCIETY THE BENEFITS OF THESE ADVANTAGES. AT CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS, URANIUM REPRESENTS THE BIGGER SHARE OF TOTAL FUEL COST, FOLLOWED BY ENRICHMENT, FABRICATION AND CONVERSION. SO, WE BELIEVE THAT, STARTING FROM URANIUM CONCENTRATE GROWING PRODUCTION BASED ON THE NATIONAL LARGE RESERVES, CREATING EXPORTABLE QUANTITIES, WE COULD GENERATE FINANCE TO INVEST IN GROWING NATIONAL ENRICHMENT CAPACITY AND, CONSEQUENTLY, CREATING NEW EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FOLLOWING, WITH HIGHER AGGREGATED VALUE, AND SO ON FOR THE OTHERS STEPS OF OPEN FUEL CYCLE. FOR THIS, WE NEED TO ESTABLISH A NEW BUSINESS FOR URANIUM MINING AND MILLING CONSIDERING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, SIMILAR TO THE MODELS IN CONSIDERATION FOR ANGRA 3.

WE ARE WORKING HARD AND WITH DETERMINATION FOR THE NECESSARY AND STRUCTURAL REFORMS TO BE HELD. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE FINANCIAL HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, AND WILL ENABLE US TO TRANSFORM THE ECONOMIC SCENARIO AND OPEN NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS.

THESE REFORMS WILL ALLOW US TO CREATE A VIRTUOUS CYCLE OF THE ECONOMY, WHICH WILL GENERATE THE TRUST NECESSARY FOR US TO OPEN OUR MARKET FOR FOREIGN TRADE, ENCOURAGING COMPETITION, PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFECTIVENESS. ALL THE PRODUCTIVE SECTOR WILL BENEFIT FROM A BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT WITH LESS REGULATION AND BUREAUCRACY.

WE WILL BE PREPARED TO LISTEN AND EVALUATE, WITH SERENITY AND TRANSPARENCY, ALWAYS DEDICATED TO PUBLIC INTEREST, THE MULTIPLE DEMANDS OF THE DIFFERENT SECTORS.

WE WILL CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO MAKE MORE AND BETTER!

REST ASSURED, WE ARE NOT NAÏVE. WE KNOW THE CHALLENGES AHEAD ARE ENORMOUS. HOWEVER, WE ARE ALSO SURE THAT WE HAVE THE WILL, THE MEANS AND THE COURAGE TO OVERCOME THOSE OBSTACLES. THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED, BODY AND SOUL, TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY REFORMS THAT WILL ENHANCE OUR CAPABILITIES AND MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE COUNTRY TO START A NEW AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHAPTER OF ITS HISTORY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!!