BRIEF 13

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

There are numerous references in the text of the 1988 Brazilian constitution to the rights of foreign citizens or corporations to participate in the Brazilian economy. The following are the only provisions which deal with Brazil's relations with foreign governments.

The Federative Republic of Brazil is governed in its international relations by the following principles:

- National independence;
- The respect for human rights;
- Self-determination of peoples;
- Non-intervention (in the internal affairs of other states);
- Equality among states;
- The defence of peace;
- The peaceful resolution of conflicts;
- Repudiation of terrorism and racism;
- Co-operation between peoples for the progress of humanity;
- Granting of political asylum;

The Federative Republic of Brazil will seek the economic, political, social and cultural integration of the peoples of Latin America, in order to create a Latin American community of nations. (Art 4)

Brazilian citizens may not be extradited, except in cases of proven involvement in drug trafficking in terms to be established by law. In addition, naturalized Brazilian citizens may be extradited in the case of a common crime committed before they became naturalized. Foreign citizens may not be extradited from Brazil for political crimes or crimes of opinion. All requests for extradition by a foreign state will be heard by the Supreme Federal Tribunal. (Arts 5, 102).

Brazil shall propose the formation of an international human rights court. (DT 7)

A joint Congressional Commission will be created by October 5th 1989 to analyze the origins of Brazil's external debt. The Commission may propose to the Executive that past irregularities in the contracting of Brazil's external debt be declared null and void. (DT 26)