

Brazilian President Reaffirms Commitment to Fight Racism



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After a meeting with a group of participants in the March of Black Women, held on Wednesday, Rousseff expressed her solidarity with all the women in the country and emphasized the willingness of her government to offer better opportunities for Black females.

“We have the responsibility to improve our policy to promote racial equality, against violence and the exploitation of women”, she said through her Twitter account.

One of the participants in the event, Ieda Leal, secretary of the fight against racism of the National Confederation of Workers in Education, highlighted the support of the Head of State to the actions of black women to enforce their rights and claims. A document with claims was submitted to the president, who appreciated the importance of continuing the dialogue and to achieve the unity of all women in Brazil, according to Leal.

Referring to Wednesday's march, Leal said this event strengthens the movement, which needs a boost to assert its rights.

This was the first march that aimed to call the attention of society and politicians on the pretensions of conservative sectors to pass laws that damage the conquests achieved in recent years, it was said.

In addition to the meeting with the participants in the protest, the Brazilian president received in the Planalto Palace the Executive Director of UN Women, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngucka.

The meeting was used to discuss the participation of Brazil in the 60th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, to be held in March 2016 in New York City.

In that event, forms of political struggle of women to achieve gender equality will be discussed, as well as other actions to ensure females' full inclusion in society, said a spokesman for the presidency.

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