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Dear colleagues,

the EASA Executive Committee expresses its support to colleagues in Brazil for the tragedy that happened at the 200 year old Museu Nacional do Rio de Janeiro, which was ravaged by fire on 3 September, destroying collections and precious archives of one of the most prestigious departments of anthropology. Many fragile artefacts from indigenous Brazilian communities are understood to have been destroyed, including irreplaceable documentation of endangered and extinct Indigenous languages, and we extend our sympathies to those communities for their loss.

With best wishes,

Valeria Siniscalchi, President, EASA