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Cry of the Earth

- Brazil is home to 60 percent of the world's largest rainforest, the Amazon.
 - deforestation in Amazon Basin destroys the habitat and endangers a multitude of plant and animal species indigenous to the area
 - if rainforest deforestation levels surpass this critical level, the region will experience severe drought and rain fluctuations with global impact potential
- illegal wildlife trade, illegal poaching
- air and water pollution in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, and several other large cities
- land degradation and water pollution caused by improper mining activities
- wetland degradation
- severe oil spills

Cry of the Poor

- Some police officers kill unlawfully, torture detainees, and mistreat children in conflict with the law
- Many Brazilian prisons are severely overcrowded, and the lack of adequate state control leaves inmates vulnerable to violence, extortion, and recruitment by gangs.
- Other human rights problems include violence against women, killings of journalists and bloggers because of their work, and violence against rural activists and indigenous people involved in conflicts over land.
- Perpetrators of abuses during the military rule of 1964 to 1985 continue to be shielded from justice by an amnesty law passed by the military regime
- Gap between rich and poor remains wide
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Commitments

1. Abolish the disposables in our USGCB meetings and reinforce this commitment in the CRB Regions
2. Reinforce the already existing groups of the "A Cry for Life" Network. To free Sisters and provoke within our Congregations to participate in existing groups at the CRB (Conference of Brazilian Sisters) or to help create new groups.
3. Work the disposables in our mission spaces.