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**Body**

On his first day in office, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) issued a series of decrees that interfere in environmental policy. The set reestablishes the ***Amazon*** Fund, opens the way for restructuring the Conama (National Council for the Environment) and revokes the decision that relaxed the laws for combating illegal mining.

The measures were announced during the solemn session at which the ministers of the new government took office and were later announced by the transition team.

Lula fulfilled the promise made during the campaign and signed a decree that reestablishes the control bodies of the ***Amazon*** Fund.

Under Ricardo Salles, the Ministry of the Environment extinguished the council that managed the fund, which caused its donors, such as Norway, to freeze transfers to the instrument. Soon after the election of the President of Brazil, the country, however, had already affirmed that it would return to finance the fund.

Now, the ***Amazon*** Fund should see the release of the R$ 3.3 billion to which it is already entitled and should also start receiving new transfers - according to the governor of Pará, Helder Barbalho, of more than R$ 5 billion.

Lula also revoked Bolsonaro's decree that created the so-called Pró-Mape program, which aimed to stimulate "artisanal mining" - in practice, a boost to illegal mining on indigenous lands and environmental protection areas.

At the time, the General Secretariat of the Presidency said that the program inaugurated "a new perspective of public policies on mining activity in Brazil."

Finally, the president determined, through an order, that the minister of Environment and Climate Change, Marina Silva (Rede), has 45 days to prepare a proposal to restructure the Conama (National Council for the Environment).

The council was emptied by former president Jair Bolsonaro (PL) in 2019, when he excluded civil society members from its participation. Since then, the Supreme Court (STF) was triggered by the case and formed a majority to overturn reverse measure, but in practice, nothing has happened.

Lula is still to sign a decree that reestablishes the PPCDAm (Action Plan for Prevention and Control of ***Deforestation*** in the Legal ***Amazon***). The measure had already been announced by Minister Marina Silva on her first day after being appointed to head the portfolio.

According to the transition team, a decree will also be published "that reestablishes the combat against ***deforestation*** in the ***Amazon***, in the cerrado and in all the Brazilian biomes, recovering Ibama's protagonism".

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