# **US wants 'global' fight against Amazon deforestation, says Kerry**

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The United States' special envoy for climate, John Kerry, assured on Tuesday (28), in Brasilia, that the fight against the destruction of the ***Amazon*** must happen "at the global level", and reiterated that Washington will contribute economically, but did not announce the amount.

"We will work together, not just bilaterally, but globally, to bring everyone to the negotiating table," Kerry said at a press conference with Environment Minister Marina Silva.

"No country can change things alone [...] A big change is happening, more and more people understand that it's urgent, that it's not optional, and that we have to work together to do much more than before," he insisted.

Kerry also stated that he intended to return to Brazil to visit the ***Amazon*** with Marina Silva, on a date to be confirmed.

The visit of U.S. President Joe Biden's envoy to Brasilia took place three weeks after that of President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva to the White House.

And, as it happened in Washington, the United States reaffirmed its desire to contribute to the ***Amazon*** Fund, whose main donors are Norway and Germany, although they have not yet defined figures.

"We are committed to contributing to the ***Amazon*** Fund, but also to other entities, and to working bilaterally [with Brazil] on science and development," Kerry said after his three-day visit to Brasilia.

Asked by a journalist about the amount of the contribution, Kerry talked about ongoing negotiations in the US Congress.

"We have a bill in the Senate aimed at raising $4.5 billion. Another in the House for $9 billion. But now it will take a fight" to get it done, he detailed.

Kerry was referring, in particular, to the "AMAZON21" bill, which foresees the creation of a 9 billion dollar fund for forest preservation in developing countries, not only for the Brazilian ***Amazon***.

Marina Silva, in turn, recalled that there were "other instruments" to help preserve the ***Amazon***, such as the purchase of carbon bonds.

At the end of January, during an official visit to Brasilia, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced that his country was willing to pay 200 million euros - R$1.1 trillion - into the ***Amazon*** Fund.

***Deforestation*** has increased considerably under former president Jair Bolsonaro, who was defeated by Lula in last October's elections.

The president promised after his victory that he would do everything possible to reduce illegal ***deforestation*** in the ***Amazon*** to zero by 2030, but insisted on the importance of international aid to achieve this goal.

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