Minutes of the Meeting held with Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Republic of Brazil on 31.1.2025 at 8, Dr.A.P. J. Abdul Kalam Marg, New Delhi

The Director (Programme), International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) briefed His Excellency Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Republic of Brazil in India about establishment of International Big Cat Alliance, with headquarters in India.

2. It was informed that IBCA is established with a Mission and Vision to provide platform for partnership and cooperation among big cat range countries so as to ensure a viable population of big cats. It was also informed that India has five (5) out of seven (7) big cats and is global leader in Tiger, Lion, Leopard and Snow Leopard conservation.

3. India has gained extensive experience in habitat restoration, increase in forest cover and wildlife conservation. The intensive management of wildlife areas, mitigation of human wildlife conflict, ecotourism biodiversity conservation, community involvement are considered key to the improved state of affairs. With a strong legal and Government support with practical policies to dovetail conservation in the course of development are also considered important in the present status of forest and wildlife. In view of this, India has a lot to offer (best practices and expertise) to other range countries for conservation of big cats. IBCA would be a platform through which the expertise and best practices could be shared with all the range countries.

4. Director (Programme) also sought cooperation and support of Republic of Brazil to take forward the initiative for conservation of the seven big cat species and also requested that Republic of Brazil to consider joining the IBCA. H.E. Deputy Chief of Mission assured to take up the matter with his Government to join IBCA.

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(i) H.E. Mr. Marcos Sperandio, Deputy Chief of Mission

List of participants- IBCA

- (i) Mr. Soumitra Dasgupta, Director (Programme)
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