EMBASSY OF BRAZIL

To the organisers of the Daily Positive (D+) Carnival South America 2014:

I would like first of all to congratulate you on this initiative and wish you well on the outcome of this endeavour. In addition, I hereby express my thanks for being asked to forward a few brief words on the occasion.

In 2014, Carnival time in Brazil extended from February 28th to March 5th. It was in fact a special celebration as far as Carnival in itself is concerned. This was because Carnival Festivities was very much a grand opening for the coming big events that will be the FIFA World Cup which will take place in Brazil from mid-June to mid-July this year. It has been quite some time since the tournament was last staged in South America (Argentina 1978).

In addition the World Cup - and particularly in Rio - Carnival was also a warm up for the coming Olympics to take place in that city in 2016. It will be the first time such an event will take in that part of the world. Over 200 million Brazilians are getting ready to welcome people from all over the world both in the coming months and in that particular year.

Daily Positive (D+) Carnival South America will surely help to promote even more that part of the world in Australia, contributing to enlightenment and better understanding between peoples living in Oceania and in South America.

I hereby reinforce my best wishes and my congratulations for the initiative and thank you for the opportunity of expressing myself on the occasion.

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