

**THE BRAZILIAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (ABA) REPUDIATES DECREE
No. 9,690**

ABA publicly expresses its repudiation of Decree No. 9,690, of January 23, 2019, which amends a 2012 decree and regulates Law ° 12,527 of 2011, also known as the Law on Access to Information.

The decree represents an absolute setback to transparency policies, since it allows the delegation of authority to classify information as secret or ultra-secret, and remove it from the public domain for 15 or 25 years, respectively.

We understand that transparency and access to information are fundamental pillars of democracy, as they allow the public registration of government memories and practices. It is a right of the citizens and a duty of the State that is essential for the evaluation and monitoring of democratic institutions.

As researchers and citizens, we express our concern about the decree and its setbacks to the promotion of a transparent public administration open to social participation, and to opportunities for research and other forms of registering state administrative information and experiences.

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