

The biological sex of Itamaraty

The chancellor's gender ideology puts the country against its own tradition

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Diplomacy is of no use. For a self-proclaimed conservative - as is the Brazilian chancellor - something of the diplomatic tradition of the country ought to have served.

It's not the case. By imposing on the well-trained diplomatic corps of Brazil the Bolsonist ideology according to which "the word gender means biological sex: female or male," Minister Ernesto Araujo breaks with Brazil's own diplomatic tradition.

Reports by European and Latin American diplomats, Brazilian journalists and activists from Geneva - where the sessions of the United Nations' main human rights body are currently taking place - are unison in a feeling of perplexity.

Perplexity in the face of a country that has narrowed its diplomatic role as the main negotiator since 2009 in resolutions on access to medicines, including HIV / AIDS, and since 2011 in resolutions condemning violence against LGBTs.

Band exhibited at the LGBT Pride Parade in São Paulo

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Contrary to the policy to combat violence against women defended by Minister Damara Alves in February this year at the UN itself, Brazilian diplomats this week in Geneva have picketed a resolution calling for an end to discrimination against women and girls.

Brazil demanded that any mention of gender should be taken from the text (as if it were possible with a single key to eliminate the violence that women suffer because they are

women). It demanded that the guarantee of access to sex education be deleted (which means nothing more than educating the population about contraceptive methods such as the use of condoms, or implementing policies to combat sexual violence against women and girls).

Another resolution debated at this UN session concerns access to medicines, including for HIV / AIDS treatment. Araújo's new gender ideology may also undermine Brazilian historical leadership in this subject. The perverse results of this posture are already seen internally.

Experts have questioned whether the Ministry of Health's HIV / AIDS department will continue to take into account the peculiarities of vulnerable populations in their HIV / AIDS policies as men who have sex with men and transgender people.

When we dismiss words like feminism and gender from the negative pecha imposed by ideologues of the line of the Brazilian chancellor, we realize that the Brazilian population is better than its political elite.

Research Datafolha in partnership with the NGO Oxfam Brazil showed that more than two-thirds of the Brazilian population agrees with theses on equality between men and women - 86% disagree that women should only take care of their homes and children and 64% agree to be discriminatory women earn lower wages than men.

What the chancellor wants to make us believe is that we are facing a globalist crusade against the dismantling of the family. It wants to make us believe that an ideology is being fought that there are no differences between the sexes.

Such delirium is propagated by the name of gender ideology. This term - without any support at all - has mobilized thousands to support obscurantist ideas on sexual and

reproductive rights in countries as diverse as Colombia, Costa Rica, Hungary and the USA.

After the words that traditionally articulated Brazilian foreign policy have been destroyed, what remains for us?

From the rubble of Brazilian foreign policy lies the solitude of a country once considered leader by its peers. Brazil has so far participated in a group of countries that support the fight against violence against LGBTs, as well as repudiate discrimination against women along with Latin American and European partners. It was this group of countries that looked at us at the United Nations in perplexity this week.

We now have the support of countries whose authoritarian governments do not express moral principles with which we share. We were applauded by governments like Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Bahrain, Philippines. We have been applauded by governments executing LGBTs in the public square, which kill hundreds of civilians in their drug war, countries where only recently women have been given the right to drive cars.

I remember Orwell here. I remember Novafala, the language of authoritarian government imagined by Orwell. The mission of this authoritative language was to destroy words. "I get the impression that you think our main mission is to come up with new words. None of this! We are destroying words - dozens of words, hundreds of words every day. We are reducing the tongue to the bone, "wrote the British author in" 1984".

Brazil is claiming its re-election at the UN Human Rights Council. Submerged in the rubble of its gender ideology, which will support you? What will remain of our diplomatic leadership traditionally exercised when we reduce the language of equal rights for women and LGBTs to bone?

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