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As is known to all, the spilled oil can cause hazardous consequence. It can contaminate drinking water when they mixed with clean water resources, also, contamination can have an economic impact on tourism and marine resource extraction industries, which is unthinkable and it is a great damage to our environment.

Brazil has also been deemed with serious oil spill problems. For instance, there is a famous event regarding oil spillage in Brazil in November 2011. Chevron is on track to resolve civil lawsuits totaling R\$40bn (\$17.5bn) brought against the US energy group and its drilling contractor Transocean by Brazilian prosecutors over an oil spill.

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These oil spillage problems had put great damage to not only Brazil but also to the world. Thus the government of Brazil has realized the importance of the renewable resources like hydro power, solar power and wind power. Brazil also put forward laws and regulations regarding to oil spillage: Federal Law 9,966/2000 governs the prevention, control, oversight of oil pollution and others hazardous substances in Brazilian waters.<sup>2</sup> Also, National Environmental Policy stated by Federal Law 6.938/1981 requires the previous environmental permit for construction, installation, expansion and operation of any potential pollutant activity or any kind of use of natural resources which may cause environmental damages.

Brazil seeks to cooperate with other countries in finding the solutions of prevention oil spillage problems and also put environmental value before economic value because the world environment is irreplaceable.

The international community should be integrated and to promote oil transportation security. From the strategic and operational levels of economic development, the legal system to strengthen supervision, conflict coordination, disaster warning and enhance prevention of planning and construction, truly realize social equality and inclusive, in order to make our society having a long-term stable development.

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<sup>1</sup> Wikipedia: Brazil oil laws and regulations

<sup>2</sup> Latin Lawyer: Brazil

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The measure of securing water resources has caused great attention in the world area when the seriousness of human damage has been realized by the people. In recent years, the United Nations has long been addressing the global crisis caused by insufficient water supply to satisfy basic human needs and growing demands on the world's water resources to meet human, commercial and agricultural needs. As can be imagined, Brazil suffers from severe water problems, its major and medium size metropolitan areas are facing increasing problems of [water pollution](#). For example, the unreliable access to water has a strong adverse impact on the living and health standards of the rural populations. In 2000, only 35% of collected wastewater received any treatment, which posed great challenge to the Brazil government.<sup>3</sup>

The Brazil government is always making effort in many aspects to provide better treatment to water resources access and protect water from pollution. Brazil is always working to constitute better social environment for water protection. For instance, Brazil put forward the bill---National Water Resource Policy (NWRP) on water resources protection in 1997, which includes fine evaluation criteria for securing water and standardizes the application of water. The NWRP aims to promote water as a resource with economic value.<sup>4</sup>

Brazil affirms its intention of cooperating with other countries on the issue of securing water. Brazil would like to utilize the power of international legislation to standardize water protection problems. Brazil would also like to optimize the information-exchange system among countries to provide more efficiency in solving water pollution issues. Moreover, Brazil is willing to establish stable cooperation on water securing issues with other countries. In details, Brazil established the itaipu organization between the two countries (Brazil and Paraguay), which focused on the cooperation and innovation of the water technology in order to enhance the water resources quality and access. To sum up, Brazil is convinced that with the cooperation among countries, securing water will contribute more to the world and cause less trouble.

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<sup>3</sup> Wikipedia: Water resources management in Brazil

<sup>4</sup> Wikipedia: Environmental governance in Brazil