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Dear Rector Agopyan,

On behalf of all of my colleagues at the University of Rennes 2, I would like to convey our deepest condolences on the passing of Professor Neli Aparecida de Mello-Théry.

Professor de Mello made a huge contribution to Franco-Brazilian cooperation, particularly between USP and Rennes 2 University, working in close collaboration with her friends and colleagues, Professor Vincent Dubreuil and Dr. Vincent Nédélec in our geography department.

All those who were fortunate to meet her were able to appreciate her considerable human qualities, her kindness and cheerful manner. Madame de Mello will be greatly missed by her students and especially her doctoral students, many of whom had the opportunity to carry out part of their studies and research in France and in our university, thanks to her endeavours and guidance. She will also be dearly missed by her colleagues and friends in the LETG-Rennes-COSTEL research unit who have been greatly saddened by her passing.

Please receive our warm wishes. We look forward to continuing close collaboration with your prestigious university despite these challenging times,

Yours sincerely,

Professor Olivier DAVID,

President, Rennes 2 University

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