Fwd: Thank You and Info on Brazil/ Misinfo

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Hi A/A Escobari and Team USAID,

First, an enormous thank you for your time and energy in meeting with us on Tuesday. We know there are huge demands on your time and we are grateful for the chance to brief you on the FTA, our concerns, and bigger issues of misinformation and democracy in Brazil and the rest of the Hemisphere.

Per our discussion, I wanted to pass along several documents. Looking forward to following up soon on our broader discussion on misinformation. If we can do anything to assist in the meantime, and/or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

- YouTube White Paper (attached) on the FTA, including background on how YouTube works and misinformation generally
- Twitter thread from our Chief Product Officer on our concerns regarding the bill
- YouTube's impact report in Brazil
- Google/ YouTube transparency report and specific section on content removal and misinformation
- YouTube's Chief Product Officer on how we are thinking about next steps in combating misinfo

Thanks again,
Josh



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