



22/1/2018
Nyon, Switzerland

Michel Temer
Brasília, DF
Brazil

Dear Mr. President,

The right to a fair trial and the due process of law are the foundations of a democratic society. These rights have been enshrined in numerous international human rights conventions, including article 14 of the International Covenant and Civil and Political Rights and article 8 of the American Convention on Human Rights.

Despite having ratified these conventions, the Brazilian State has violated, and continues to violate, fundamental human rights by engaging in a politically motivated criminal investigation of former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. This is intended to prevent him from running for office in the coming elections later this year. To date, the prosecution has not been able to produce any evidence of corruption.

We call on the government of Brazil to comply immediately with international law and protect the fundamental rights to due process of law and a fair trial. If the government fails to do so, it will cause irreparable harm to democracy in Brazil.

UNI Global Union and the international community are echoing a call for the rule of the law and democracy to be respected in Brazil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michel Temer'.

CC:

Eunício Oliveira, presidente do Senado e do Congresso Nacional
Cármem Lúcia Antunes Rocha, presidenta do Conselho Nacional de Justiça
Cármem Lúcia Antunes Rocha, presidenta do Supremo Tribunal Federal
Raquel Elias Ferreira Dodge, presidente do Conselho Nacional do Ministério Público e Procurador-Geral da República:

Leandro Paulsen, Desembargador Presidente Federal da 8ª Turma do TRF-4

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