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Through this letter, we would like to share our great concern with the recent surge in repression against Social Movements in Brazil, particularly in the State of Goias. It is of our knowledge that leaders and militants of the MST in the aforementioned State have been arrested and persecuted. Luiz Batista Borges has been serving time in jail since April the 14<sup>th</sup> of 2016, Jose Valdir Misnerovicz, a leader of international relevance, has been serving time since May the 31<sup>st</sup>, and Lázaro Pereira da Luz since June the 15<sup>th</sup> since June the 15<sup>th</sup>. Other two militants are currently exiled.

It's extremely concerning that people like them, who have a compromise with social justice and the Agrarian Reform, have been criminalized for the only reason of fighting for the conversion of lands that either are not productive, are in debt or had their property documents falsified, into areas of food production for thousands of small landless farmers.

Such repressive measures are unacceptable. Considering that context, respecting the Brazilian national sovereignty and understanding that the Human Rights are an international demand, we present our plea for the immediate liberation of the political prisoners associated to the MST in Goias and for the termination of agrarian reform's criminalization in Brazil.

Best regards,

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