

## PROPOSAL OF A LETTER TO THE STF

HE Mrs. Minister Carmen Lucia, President of the Supreme Court

HE Mrs. Minister Laurita Vaz, President of the Superior Court of Justice

We hereby direct Your Excellencies to request all legal and constitutional commitment for the immediate release of Former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and the annulment of the arbitrary sentence imposed upon him.

It is clear the blatant unconstitutionality of imprisonment and the inconsistency of conviction, whether from the point of view of the law or from the point of view of the inexistent evidence of its guilt. There was a negligence of legal process and the principle of fair trial.

The hasty prison of former President Lula hurts the Brazilian Constitution which provides that any person should be considered innocent until the final judgment. The provisions of item LVII of art. 5 of the Constitution is intuitive and only the conception of a partial interpreter may provide for the possibility of anticipation of the penalty, against the principle of presumption of innocence, so expensive to the democratic struggles of the country and civilization.

To maintain this state of affairs, the Brazilian Justice will be irremediably exposed as a political jurisdiction and may enter history as the protagonist of a shameful episode in Brazil's political life.

The candidacy of former President Lula is set and will not follow the logic of those who mistreat the Constitution. The STF and the STJ, as custodians of the legal order, are responsible for guaranteeing a level playing field so that the mandate can be exercised in a clean and democratic manner.

The freedom and the absolution in due time of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva is what citizenship expects from the leadership of the national judiciary at this difficult time of our political life. And we hope that Vv. Exas. make every effort to realize this historical imperative.

For all the above, we all expect a fair and legal decision of these honorable courts.

Respectfully,

(Signature)

(City, Country, date)