

LETTER OF SOLIDARITY

Our union, the Centrale Générale FGTB, a Belgian union representing the interests of the workers of more than 40 sectors, condemns the continued persecution of former Brazilian president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who was jailed a year ago. Lula was favourite to win Brazil's 2018 presidential election until he was jailed and barred from standing, in a move condemned by the UN human rights committee. The election was subsequently won by the far-right Jair Bolsonaro, who has said he hopes Lula "rots in prison". Astonishingly, Judge Moro, who oversaw Lula's trial, has now been appointed as Jair Bolsonaro's minister of justice.

Lula is a political prisoner.

We call for his freedom and stand in solidarity with those struggling for democracy in Brazil.

All our solidarity with the Brazilian workers that will have to fight hard for their rights, for democracy and social justice against the new extreme right-wing president Jair Bolsonaro.

