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Dakar, le 30 DEC. 2009

**Dr. Geir Lundestad**  
**Secretary, Nobel Peace Prize Committee**  
**The Norwegian Nobel Institute**  
**Henrik Ibsens gate 51**  
**0255 OSLO**

**Object :** Endorsement of nomination for the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize  
ABDIAS NASCIMENTO

**Dear Dr. Lundestad,**

University Cheikh Anta DIOP of Dakar (Senegal) endorses the nomination of Abdias Nascimento, a Brazilian citizen, for the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize according to the letter presented by Professor Clovis Brigagao.

This nomination recognizes this freedom fighter's 75 years of struggle for human rights, racial equality, social inclusion and democratic defense of the majority African descendant population in Brazil ; his political activism as member of the Brazilian Federal Senate and House of Deputies ; his fight for the assertion of African and Diaspora culture and history as professor and educator in the Americas and particularly in Brazil ; his work as an artist (poetry, theater and painting) ; and his devotion to human dignity and liberty.

The recognition of his work and dedication to good causes is therefore amply justified while sending a very positive signal to the millions of individuals he symbolically represents in Brazil and the rest of the world.

Professor Nascimento deserves the nomination, the more so as he is a fine and complete intellect with sterling abilities in a variety of fields.

**Prof. Abdou Salam SALL**

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