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To Mr.

THORBJORN JAGLAND

Chair of the Nobel Committee

Secretary-general Council of Europe

Oslo, Norway

Subject: **Endorse nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize 2010.**

Dear Chair of the Nobel Committee,

As the Minister of State for the Environment of Brazil, I would like to take this opportunity to endorse the nomination of Brazilian human rights worker, artist, intellectual, former member of Parliament, and former Rio de Janeiro State Secretary of Human Rights, Mr. Abdias Nascimento, for the Nobel Peace Prize 2010.

Mr. Abdias is engaged in fighting for black people in order to stop racial discrimination. As a representative in the Brazilian Parliament, he submitted several bills with the aim to define racism and to take measures so that black people could enjoy equality in their social relations. He was Professor Emeritus of the State University of New York, Buffalo. He has been awarded several prizes, such as the UNESCO Human Rights and Culture prize in 2001 and the United Nations Commemorative Prize for Relevant Services in Human Rights in 2003.

Mr. Abdias has showed great maturity and strong ability to defend human rights, being a true representative of the Brazilian, African, and African descendant people and communities and their ancestries. I am convinced that there is every reason for the Nobel Peace Prize Committee to award Abdias Nascimento the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize.

Please accept, Mr. Chair of the Nobel Committee, my kind regards and the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Sincerely,

CARLOS MINC

Minister of State for the Environment of Brazil