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To the Nobel Peace Prize Committee
Geir Lundestad
Secretary General, Nobel Peace Prize Committee
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I would like to endorse the nomination of **Abdias Nascimento**, a Brazilian citizen, for the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize according to the letter presented by Professor Clóvis Brigagão.

As an historian of Brazil and the former president of the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), a professional organization promoting the study of Brazil in the United States, Canada, and Europe, I am well aware of the important role that Abdias Nascimento has played in fighting for racial equality and human rights in Brazil. From the 1930s on, he has fought to gain recognition for the primary importance of Afro-descendants in Brazilian history and culture. His publications and reputation within academia, his cultural contributions to Brazil in theater, painting, and poetry, and his participation in the political process as a member of the Federal Senate and the House of Deputies all reflect the breadth of his contributions in the struggle for social inclusion and broad-based democracy in Brazil. This award would recognize his unique and long-standing defense of people of color in Brazil, which has the largest African-descendant population outside of Africa. It would also acknowledge the forces that have fought for democracy in Brazil throughout the twentieth century.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James N. Green".

James N. Green
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