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To
Doctor Geir Lundestad
Nobel Prize Committee Secretary
The Norwegian Nobel Institute

Dear Secretary,

It is an honor to endorse the nomination of Addias Nascimento, a Brazilian citizen, Doctor Honoris Causa from University of Brasilia, to the 2010 Nobel Prize according to the letter presented by Professor Clóvis Brigagão.

The impact from the notable Doctor Addias is his importance to the Brazilian society on its 75 years of struggle for the human rights, racial equality, social inclusion and African descendant democracy defense, factors that helped in the construction of a more developed country. It generated in the own University of Brasilia a strong police of affirmative actions to include African descendant on it Graduation courses. Also it stands out his politician acting in the Brazilian Federal Senate and House of Deputies. His contribution is reflected in the Africa Diaspora as professor and educator in the Americas and particularly in Brazil, beyond his works in theater, painting and poetry, although his only scope was the devotion to human dignity and freedom.

On his academic activities he created the *Cátedra de Culturas Africanas* in the *Novo Mundo do Centro de Estudos Porto-riquenhos* from the *Departamento de Estudos Americanos* from the New York University, visiting professor at the Universities of Yale, Wesleyan, Temple in the United States of America and Nigeria. He received many Awards granted by UNESCO, ONU and Brazil's Government.

One more time, we portray Doctor Abdias do Nascimento as an accomplished intellectual and culture man from the African World in the 20th Century.

Respectfully,

José Geraldo de Sousa Junior
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