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**Dear Dr. Geir Lundestad  
Secretary General  
Nobel Peace Prize Committee  
Oslo, Norway**

Dear Dr. Lundestad

With this letter I endorse the nomination of Abdias Nascimento, a Brazilian citizen, for the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize according to the original letter presented by Professor Clóvis Brigagão.

Mr Abdias do Nascimento, with his brilliant personal life history, is a truly referential for several generations of Brazilian activists in the field of human rights, social justice, democracy and the Afro-Brazilian population's rights against racism.

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.

Sincerely yours

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