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President

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

Dear Dr. Lundestad:

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

The 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.

Mr. Nascimento's selection would be very strong encouragement to people who fight oppression and spread hope, and to peoples of color everywhere!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. L. Burnim" with a long, sweeping underline.

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