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Dr. Geir Lundestad
Secretary, Nobel Peace Prize Committee
The Norwegian Nobel Institute
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Re: Endorsement of Nomination for the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize
ABDIAS NASCIMENTO

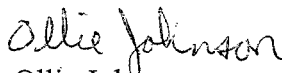
Dear Dr. Lundestad:

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

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 Chamber 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.

Abdias Nascimento has been tireless and relentless in his defense of human decency, social justice, and equal opportunity. His courage and fearlessness have caused him to be considered a "troublemaker" in his native Brazil, the United States, and countries around the world. He has suffered discrimination, incarceration, and exile because of his refusal to remain silent when human beings were treated unfairly. Abdias Nascimento remains an example for all of us to advance the struggle to create a new world based on dignity, respect, and peace.

Sincerely,



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