

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNICATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, PREPARED BY THE ALLRISE MOVEMENT

Since January 2019, the Bolsonaro government has implemented initiatives in the socio-environmental area that provoked attacks, increased violence and put the lives of environmental defenders at risk. It has also adopted a series of measures (using legislative or administrative instruments) that dismantled the country's environmental protection structure, especially in the Amazon, which in turn has facilitated the action of criminal groups, with whom several members of the government show direct relationship.

As an aggravating factor, there has been a notorious insufficiency of response by the entities responsible for investigating and punishing these practices in the country in the criminal, administrative and civil spheres.

For these reasons the Climate Observatory (Observatório do Clima), a network comprising 70 Brazilian civil society organizations that has been operating for 19 years in Brazil, declares its support for the initiative of the Allrise movement to present a manifestation against the current Brazilian government in the International Criminal Court.

The authors of the manifestation show clear evidence of inaction by the Brazilian authorities to prosecute and judge perpetrators of environmental crimes committed in the country, as well as highlight the immediate, imperative, and urgent need for investigating and judging the possible perpetrators of these crimes. This is an exceptional situation, which extends far beyond the immediate victims in Brazil: it affects climate, health and justice considering the global community.

The Allrise movement defends the possibility of ICC acting in the case, since crimes against humanity that are provided for in the Rome Statute are identified.

The Climate Observatory understands that the serious acts committed against the environment and its defenders in Brazil, for which the Bolsonaro government is directly responsible, deserve immediate investigation in all possible spheres, including the International Criminal Court.

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