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Dear President,

UNI Europa and its affiliates representing property services workers across the European continent want to express our deepest concerns regarding the situation in Brazil.

In line with the ILO’s decision at its 108th International Labour Conference to place Brazil on a list of countries suspected of violating labour rights, we urge you to back down from attacking union freedom and workers’ rights.

With unemployment at an all-time high and the economy at rock bottom, it is essential for your country to find solutions that put working people first.

Around the world we have witnessed how crises can only be solved in just and sustainable way by involving all societal stakeholders, including trade unions.

Your policies of barring payroll deduction for union contributions, cutting pensions and wages are a frontal attack on the freedom of association and actively weakens working class representation.

We urge you to respect ILO Convention No. 98 and recognize the rights and achievements of Brazilian trade unions, with whom we stand in solidarity.

Yours sincerely,

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