

## UNI AMERICAS STATEMENT ON THE MURDER OF MARCELO ARRUDA, TREASURER OF THE PT IGUAÇU, BY BOLSONARISTAS

UNI Americas repudiates the brutal murder of Marcelo Aloizio Arruda, Treasurer of the Brazilian Workers' Party (Partido dos Trabalhadores or PT) in Foz do Iguaçu and municipal guard, by a federal police officer. The officer invaded Arruda's birthday party, which was being celebrated with a Workers' Party theme, and shot him.

We are filled with disgust and pain by the 214 cases of violence against political leaders were recorded in the first six months of this year - a year when elections will be held to elect the new president of the Republic, governors, senators, federal and state deputies. This represents a 23% increase than in the same period in 2020.

We will not be silent regarding the political violence that has been unfortunately increasing in the country and that worries us even more in the run-up to the elections. UNI Americas will continue to denounce all threats and aggressions against freedom of expression, but above all, against the right to life.

Likewise, we demand that the government of Jair Bolsonaro immediately repudiate this extremely disturbing act. As President, it is essential that he rejects all hate speech and acts such as this one and that he uphold democratic values where there is no place for violence. Likewise, we demand that the person responsible, Jorge José Guaracho, be brought to justice.

We express this on behalf of UNI Americas, the regional arm of UNI Global Union, the global union representing more than 20 million workers in the services sector and beyond.



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