

For Plinio de Arruda Sampaio: A socialist candidate for the Brazilian presidential elections

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An international call in support for the candidate of the PSOL, Party of Socialism and Freedom, in the next presidential Brazilian elections.

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A socialist candidate for the Brazilian presidential elections

The elections in Brazil are of concern for socialists everywhere in the world. In solidarity with the poor and the exploited Brazilian masses, we support the candidate of the PSOL (Party for Socialism and Freedom) in the next Brazilian presidential elections, Plinio de Arruda Sampaio. Since the resistance against the military dictatorship until the campaign for agrarian reform, Plinio has been on the first line of all emancipatory struggles of the Brazilian people. Commitment for the liberation of the poor and intransigent opposition to the established order are key components of his political profile. Unlike so many of his former comrades from the PT (Workers Party), he never reconciled himself with capitalism : for him, this intrinsically perverse system is responsible for the brutal social inequality and the terrifying ecological disaster.

Unlike the three main candidates in the Brazilian elections, Plinio raises the historical banners of the Brazilian labour movement, of the peasants, the workers, the women, the black people, the poor and the oppressed : a radical agrarian reform, the suspension of the payment of the foreign debt, a substantial reduction of working hours without loss of wage, an end to gender and racial discriminations. He is the only candidate that proposes both a socialist and an ecological program, in radical opposition to the compromises and capitulations of social-liberalism.

In spite of his age (80 years), Plinio is not a man of the past, but one that plants seeds of the future.

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