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Às Lideranças Partidárias Câmara dos Deputados
Brazil

Honourable Deputados,

I am writing in my capacity as the Chair of the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA), a network of over fifty national, regional and international anthropological associations from all continents.

We are extremely concerned to learn about the government-authorized violation of the financial confidentiality of ABA (Associação Brasileira de Antropologia), one of the founding member associations of the WCAA. It is universally acknowledged that ABA has always scrupulously conducted its work in accordance with its own rigorous code of ethics, following the finest traditions of our discipline. This investigation will definitely exercise a chilling effect on academic freedom in Brazil. It will also cause needless damage to the reputation of a serious and highly regarded professional association, and ultimately to Brazil's intellectual standing internationally.

We respectfully urge you to curtail this policy of intimidation towards our fellow anthropologists in Brazil. Our

global network will be very thankful for the consideration of our request in your further deliberations.

Respectfully,

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Africa

Anthropology Southern Africa (ASnA)
Pan African Anthropology Association (PAAA)
Tunisian Association of Anthropology / L'Association
Tunisienne d'Anthropologie - TAA

Asia

Anthropological Association of the Philippines / Ugnayang
Pang-Aghamtao, Inc. - UGAT
The Chinese Anthropological Society - CAS
Hong Kong Anthropological Society - HKAS
Indian Anthropological Association - IAA
Indian Anthropological Society - Calcutta
Indonesian Anthropological Association - IAA
Israeli Anthropological Association - IAA
Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology - JASCA
Korean Society for Cultural Anthropology - KOSCA
Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology - TSAE

Australasia

Association of Social Anthropologists of New Zealand/Aoteroa -
ASA-NZ
Australian Anthropological Society - AAS

Europe

Anthropological Association of Ireland - AAI
Anthropological Association of Sweden - SANT
Asociación de Antropología de Castilla y León - AAC-LMK
Associação Portuguesa de Antropologia - APA
Association Française des Anthropologues - AFA
Association Française d'Ethnologie et d'Anthropologie - AFEA
Association of Anthropologists and Ethnologists of Russia -
AAER
Association of Social Anthropologists UK & Commonwealth - ASA
Associazione Nazionale Universitaria degli
Antropologi Culturali - ANUAC
Croatian Anthropological Association - HAD
Czech Association for Social Anthropology - CASA

Česká Národopisná Společnost - ČNS
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde - DGV
European Association of Social Anthropologists - EASA
Finnish Anthropological Society - SAS
Institut Català d'Antropologia - ICA
Instituto Madrileño de Antropología - IMA
International Association for Southeast European Anthropology
(InASEA)
Istituto Italiano di Antropologia - ISItA
Latvijas Antropologu Biedriba - LAB
Norsk Antropologisk Forening - NAF
Polskie Towarzystwo Ludoznawcze / Polish Ethnological Society
- PTL
Royal Anthropological Institute - RAI
Serbian Ethnological and Anthropological Society (SEAS)

Latin America

Associação Brasileira de Antropologia - ABA
Asociación Latinoamericana de Antropología - ALA
Colegio de Antropólogos de Chile - CAC
Colegio de Etnólogos y Antropólogos Sociales - CEAS
Colegio de Graduados en Antropología de la República Argentina
- CGA
Uruguayan Association of Social and Cultural Anthropology -
AUAS

North America

American Anthropological Association - AAA
Canadian Anthropology Society / La Société Canadienne
d'Anthropologie - CASCA
Society for Applied Anthropology - SfAA

International

International Society for Ethnology and Folklore / Société
Internationale d'Ethnologie et de Folklore (SIEF)
International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological
Sciences (IUAES)
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research



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Prezados Senhores,

Escrevo na qualidade de Presidente do Conselho Mundial de Associações Antropológicas (WCAA), uma rede que agrega mais de cinquenta associações antropológicas nacionais, regionais e internacionais, de todos os continentes.

Ficamos extremamente preocupados ao saber da autorização do Congresso de violar a confidencialidade da Associação Brasileira de Antropologia (ABA), um dos membros fundadores da WCAA. Reconhece-se mundialmente que a ABA tem conduzido escrupulosamente seus projetos, de acordo com a legislação brasileira e com o seu rigoroso código de ética, em consonância com a melhor tradição de nossa disciplina. Essa investigação irá exercer um efeito inibidor da liberdade acadêmica no Brasil. Também irá causar danos desnecessários para a reputação de uma associação profissional séria e altamente respeitada, e, finalmente, à posição intelectual ocupada pelo Brasil internacionalmente.

Solicitamos respeitosamente a Vossa Excelência que impeça essa política de intimidação para com os nossos colegas antropólogos no Brasil. Nossa rede global de Antropologia

estará muito grata pela consideração dessa nossa solicitação em suas futuras deliberações.

Atenciosamente,



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