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**Emergency Resolution of the Public Services International (PSI)
Executive Board (EB-153), meeting in Geneva, Switzerland,
on November 14th & 15th, 2018, on the
2018 Brazilian elections**

WHEREAS the Brazilian population recently elected an openly racist, homophobic, misogynist by the name of Jair Bolsonaro as president;

WHEREAS the legitimacy of president-elect Jair Bolsonaro's election is being questioned both in the courts and in the public due to the extensive (ab)use of private data and fake news in his election campaign;

WHEREAS Brazilian president-elect Jair Bolsonaro has repeatedly called for a return to the kind of military rule that Brazil endured between 1964 and 1985;

WHEREAS Brazilian president-elect Jair Bolsonaro has declared that the dictatorship's only mistake was to limit themselves to torture and that they should have killed more people;

WHEREAS Brazilian president-elect Jair Bolsonaro has declared that those opposing his presidency will have two options when he assumes power: prison or exile;

WHEREAS Brazilian president-elect Jair Bolsonaro has indicated that his government will implement neoliberal policies including a minimalist state, tax reductions and widespread privatizations thus ensuring that the provision of quality public services becomes impossible;

WHEREAS Brazilian president-elect Jair Bolsonaro has declared that that United Nations is a useless organization and that under his leadership Brazil will leave the UN and the Paris Agreement to combat climate change;

WHEREAS Brazilian president-elect Jair Bolsonaro's baseless attack on the legitimacy of the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics, in particular its methodology for calculation of employment and unemployment numbers (which is in accordance with international standards), has been publicly contested by Rafael Diaz Medina, Director of the Statistics Department of the International Labor Organization (ILO);

WHEREAS Brazilian president-elect Jair Bolsonaro supports the criminalization of social movements including the landless workers' movement, the movement of workers without homes and trade unions themselves;

WHEREAS Brazil ranks as one of the deadliest countries in the world for environmental and indigenous activists;

WHEREAS the situation in Brazil will surely worsen in the coming years;

OBSERVING that Brazilian president-elect Jair Bolsonaro supports the death penalty, torture and deregulation of gun ownership;

The PSI Executive Board

CONDEMNS the strategy of dealing with violence and insecurity with state violence;

RECOGNIZES that Brazilian unions will strongly resist the policies and practices of the Bolsonaro government along with millions of people;

EXPRESSES its solidarity with the Brazilian people and in particular, with the unions that defend the working class;

ENCOURAGES its member organisations to extend all forms of support and international solidarity to Brazilian trade unions, trade unionists and workers confronting direct and indirect state violence;

WELCOMES the support and actions already taken by PSI, EPSU and the global trade union movement;

RESOLVES to closely accompany developments in Brazil; and

ENCOURAGES its member organisations to support Brazilian affiliates in all possible international forums where the policies and practices of the Brazilian government will be publicly denounced.