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The Permanent Delegation of Brazil presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Communication and Information Sector (CI) of UNESCO and has the honor to refer to the letter CI/FEM/FOE/fr/2015/838, regarding the status of legal investigations on the killing of 20 journalists in Brazil whose deaths were condemned by the Director-General of UNESCO.

The Government of Brazil hereby conveys updated information on the mentioned cases and authorizes UNESCO to publish it on UNESCO's website, as well as include it in the report to be elaborated to the 38th Session of the General Conference.

The Government of Brazil recognizes that the enjoyment of press freedom depends greatly on combatting violence against journalists, which should be seen as the main guarantee of non-repetition in such cases. Brazil joins UNESCO's efforts in combatting the impunity that hinders the safety of journalists and freedom of expression worldwide.

All cases referred have been duly registered by the national Human Rights Ombudsman's Office and have been followed up with great attention, in order to ensure that those responsible for violence against these journalists are brought to justice, with especial attention to those cases which have not been solved yet. The Government of Brazil will be glad to present further information on the aforementioned cases of Brazilian journalist killings and any other similar cases that may have been brought to UNESCO'S attention.

The Permanent Delegation of Brazil avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Communication and Information Sector (CI) of UNESCO the assurances of its distinguished consideration.

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UNESCO

Information on the status of legal investigations being conducted into the Brazilian journalist killings condemned by UNESCO's Director-General for the period 2006-2014

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of the murder</i>	<i>Situation</i>
Francisco Gomes de Medeiros	18-Oct-2010	This case has been solved. Evandro Medeiros, Marcos Antônio de Jesus Moreira, João Francisco dos Santos and the mastermind Gilson Neudo Soares do Amaral are currently in prison.
Luciano Leitão Pedrosa	10-Apr-2011	A trial was held on March 9, 2015, and the defendants were found not guilty by the jury.
Valério Nascimento	3-May-2011	This case has not been solved yet.
Valderlei Canuto Leandro	1-Sep-2011	This case has not been solved yet.
Paulo Roberto Cardoso Rodrigues	12-Feb-2012	This case has been solved. The following people have been indicted and await trial: Cláudio Rodrigues de Souza e Hugo Stancatti Ferreira da Silva.
Mario Randolpho Marques Lopes	12-Feb-2012	This case has not been solved yet.
Décio Sá	23-Apr-2012	This case has been solved. Jhonatan Silva and Marcos Bruno Silva confessed to the murder and were sentenced to 25 years and 18 years of imprisonment respectively. Other people who have also been accused are awaiting trial in prison: Gláucio Alencar Pontes Carvalho and José de Alencar Miranda Carvalho, son and father, accused of being the masterminds of the crime. Shirliano de Oliveira, accused of having aided the murderer,

		is on the run. José Raimundo Sales Chaves Júnior, accused of having helped hire the gunman, is in prison. The policemen Alcides Nunes da Silva and Joel Durans Medeiros, accused of having participated in the murder of Décio Sá, are awaiting trial in liberty. Elker Farias Veloso, accused of having aided the murderer, is in prison. The military policeman Capitan Fábio Aurélio Saraiva Silva, ("Fábio Capita"), accused of providing the weapon used to commit the crime, is in liberty. Fábio Aurélio do Lago e Silva ("Bochecha"), accused of hosting the murderer, is in liberty.
Valério Luiz de Oliveira	5-Jul-2012	The accused is on the run and has been included in INTERPOL's list of wanted persons.
Eduardo Carvalho	21-Nov-2012	This case has not been solved yet.
Renato Machado Gonçalves	8-Jan-2013	This case has not been solved yet.
Mafaldo Bezerra Goes	22-Feb-2013	Case solved. Gleidson José da Silva Lima and Dyones Nunes Soares were found to be the masterminds of the crime. The perpetrator of the crime is considered to be Mathes Pereira de Aquino. They are awaiting trial.
Rodrigo Neto de Faria	8-Mar-2013	Case solved. Lúcio Lírio Leal and Alessandro Neves Augusto were found to be participants of the crime. The latter is accused of having also murdered the photographer

		Walgney Carvalho. They are awaiting trial.
Walgney Assis Carvalho	14-Apr-2013	Case solved. Accused: Alessandro Neves Augusto.
José Roberto Ornelas	12-Jun-2013	This case has not been solved yet.
Cláudio Moleiro de Souza	12-Oct-2013	The defendant Magno Sergio Soares was sentenced to 19 years of imprisonment on November 13, 2014, for the murder of the broadcaster.
Santiago Ilídio Andrade	10-Feb-2014	Case solved. Those deemed responsible for the crime - Fábio Raposo and Caio Silva Souza – are awaiting trial.
Edilson Dias Lopes	11-Feb-2014	This case has not been solved yet.
Pedro Palma	13-Feb-2014	This case has not been solved yet.
José Lacerda da Silva	16-Feb-2014	This case has not been solved yet.
Geolino Lopes Xavier	27-Feb-2014	This case has not been solved yet.