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The Permanent Delegation of Brazil to UNESCO presents its compliments to the Division of Freedom of Expression and Media Development of UNESCO's Information and Communication Sector and has the honor to refer to its Note Verbale n° 60/2018, regarding the status of legal investigations on the killing of 28 journalists in Brazil whose deaths were condemned by the UNESCO's Director-General.

The Brazilian government would like to forward the following updated information regarding the case of Mr. Edison Dias Lopes:

- The Civil Police of the state of Espírito Santo closed the investigations on the murder of Ede Wilson da Silva Dias (mentioned as Edilson Dias Lopes in UNESCO's list). Anderson Oliveira Rodrigues and Adenilson Samora de Jesus were identified as the authors of the crime. The crime resulted from a street brawl, not being related to the victim's activities as a journalist.

The Permanent Delegation of Brazil to UNESCO avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Director-General the assurances of its highest consideration.



Paris, 31 May 2018.

To the Division of Freedom of Expression and Media Development

STATUS OF LEGAL INVESTIGATIONS ON JOURNALISTS KILLED IN BRAZIL BETWEEN 2007 AND 2017

- Luciano Leitão Pedrosa: the police of Pernambuco identified two suspects of being the masterminds of the crime. The police also identified two suspects of involvement in the crime, one of who was murdered in July, 2011.

- Valério Nascimento: police investigations have not been concluded, and investigators believe that the crime might be related to Mr. Nascimento's disclosure of a corruption scheme at the Mayor's Office in the municipality of Bananal, state of São Paulo.

- Vanderlei Canuto Leandro: police investigations have not been concluded, and investigators believe that a former mayor of Tabatinga, in the state of Amazonas, might be involved in the crime.

- Paulo Roberto Cardoso Rodrigues: investigators identified the main suspect of the crime, but he was murdered in the city of Jandira, in the state of São Paulo, in 2015. Police inquiries are still underway.

- Mario Randolpho Marques Lopes: police inquiries have not been concluded, and investigators believe that there might be a relation between the crime and corruption accusations made by the victim against influential people in the region of Barra do Piraí, in the state of Rio de Janeiro.

- Décio Sá: the police inquiry on the murder of Décio Sá resulted in the indictment of 12 people accused of taking part, direct or indirectly, in the crime. Apart from Jhonathan de Souza Silva and Marcos Bruno Silva de Oliveira, three other persons have been arrested and are currently waiting for decision on their appeals: José Raimundo Sales Chaves Júnior, accused of being the intermediary for the homicide, Gláucio Alencar Pontes Carvalho, accused of being the leader of the criminal organization, and José de Alencar Miranda Carvalho, Gláucio's father, accused of being responsible for operationalizing the criminal organization. Other 5 accused had the decision to have their case judged by a jury cancelled and are waiting for a decision on the appeals that have been filed. At present, the police inquiry is at a procedural stage within the Judiciary of the state of Maranhão. Jhonathan de Sousa Silva and Marcos

Bruno Silva de Oliveira faced trial on 4th February 2014. After the judgement of the appeals, the Court of Justice of Maranhão decided to confirm the sentence of Jhonathan de Sousa Silva, but to annul the sentence of Marcos Bruno Silva de Oliveira. Afterwards, the case of Marcos Bruno Silva de Oliveira was judged again and he was condemned to 18 years and 3 months of confinement. Jhonathan de Souza Silva, confessed killer, and Marcos Bruno Silva de Oliveira, who was driving the motorcycle used to help Jhonathan escape, are both serving their sentences.

- Valério Luiz de Oliveira: the police inquiry indicated five suspects, including the former vice-president of the football team Atlético-GO, whose management of the team was frequently criticized in Mr Valério Luiz de Oliveira's comments. Police inquiries were referred to the Judiciary.

- Eduardo Carvalho: the police inquiry has not been concluded. Investigation continues to gather evidence on the masterminds, motives and perpetrators of the crime.

- Mafaldo Bezerra Goes: the investigation indicates that gang members were involved in the murder of Mafaldo. Police investigation has identified two persons responsible for the shootings that killed the journalist. Proceedings are underway.

- José Roberto Ornelas: the police arrested six people accused of leading a militia in the Nova Iguaçu area in the state of Rio de Janeiro. According to the Police, four of them were directly involved in the murder of Mr José Roberto Ornelas.

- Santiago Ilídio Andrade: in February, 2014, two people were arrested under accusation of firing the squib that reached Mr Santiago Ilídio Andrade. In March, 2015, after the investigations, the case was referred to a criminal court where the accused would be tried. After analyzing the case, the judge decided that the accused would no longer be prosecuted for intentional homicide, but for unintentional homicide or explosion followed by death. The Public Prosecutor's Office filed an appeal to the Superior Court of Justice. The accused wait for the decision on the appeal in liberty.

- Edilson Dias Lopes: the police investigation into the crime has not yet been completed. The investigation continues to gather evidence on the motives of the murder and to look for the masterminds of the crime.

- Pedro Palma: in June, 2014, a suspect of the murder of the journalist was arrested. A confidential inquiry into the crime has not been concluded.

- Geolino Lopes Xavier: the inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.

- Marcos de Barros Leopoldo Guerra: the inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.

- Gerardo Ceferino Servían Coronel: the inquiry into the crime is underway. The crime is being investigated as an execution. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.

- Evany José Metzker: the inquiry into the crime is underway. Investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators. Civil Police of the state of Minas Gerais work with both the possibility of political motivation or crime of passion.

- Djalma Santos da Conceição: the inquiry into the crime is under way. Investigators believe the crime to be related with the victim's disclosure of corruption schemes in Conceição da Feira, in the state of Bahia. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.

- Gleydson Carvalho: in 2015, the Public Prosecutor's Office of the state of Ceará formally accused seven individuals of involvement in the planning and murder of the journalist. It pointed out the crime had been motivated by the victim's work in making political criticism during his radio show. Other individuals remain under investigation and can be formally accused during the course of the criminal procedure. Among the accused, there are two relatives to the former mayor of Martinópolis, a neighboring city to the journalist's hometown, Camocim.

- Israel Gonçalves Silva: a few weeks after the crime, the police arrested two individuals, who confessed they had been involved in the murder of the broadcaster. In December, 2016, the Civil Police of the state of Pernambuco announced that the killing had been motivated by revenge, in view of the journalist's activities in making corruption schemes public during his radio show.

- Italo Eduardo Diniz Barros: the Civil Police of Maranhão is currently assessing the possibility that the crime might have been orchestrated by Sebastião Patrick, a local

landowner, to please his political ally Indalécio Wanderley, who was constantly criticized by the victim. The Civil Police of Maranhão does not rule out, though, the possibility of the crime having been committed as either a revenge or a cover up since the victim was involved in the plot to murder the former-councilor Paulo Lopes. The inquiry into the crime was referred to the Court of Justice of the state of Maranhão, where the case (n°0004552-62.2017.8.10.0000) is being analyzed by the Second Criminal Chamber.

- Orislandio Timóteo Araújo: the inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.

- João Valdecir de Borba: the inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.

- Manoel Messias Pereira: the inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.

- João Miranda do Carmo: Civil Police in the state of Goiás have arrested two suspects for the murder, Mr Rooney da Silva Moraes, accused of being the shooter, and Douglas Ferreira de Moraes, head of security of the former mayor of the municipality of Santo Antonio do Descoberto. Investigations are closed and the resulting police inquiry has already been sent to prosecution authorities. All of those involved in the commission of the crime have already been indicted.

- Mauricio Campos Rosa: the inquiry is underway. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators. In April 2017, the Civil Police of the state of Minas Gerais carried out search and apprehension warrants in Santa Luzia, where the crime was committed.

- Jairo de Oliveira Silva: the inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.

- Luís Gustavo da Silva: the inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.

Model Table assisting responses by Member States

Section 1: Table

Current List of Journalists Killed (as condemned by the UNESCO Director-General) and Legal Investigations (as reported by UNESCO Member States)
Date: To be sent to UNESCO **before 30 May 2018**

Name of journalist	Gender	Date of alleged murder	Investigating Authority	Case Number	Current Status	Verdict	Additional remarks
Luciano Leitão Pedrosa	Male	10 April 2011	Police of Pernambuco		The police of Pernambuco identified two suspects of being the masterminds of the crime. The police also identified two suspects of involvement in the crime, one of who was murdered in July, 2011.		
Valério Nascimento	Male	3 May 2011			Police investigations have not been concluded, and investigators believe that the crime might be related to Mr. Nascimento's disclosure of a corruption scheme at the Mayor's Office in the municipality of Bananal, state of São Paulo.		
Vanderlei Canuto Leandro	Male	1 September 2011			Police investigations have not been concluded, and investigators believe that a former mayor of Tabatinga, in the state of Amazonas, might be involved in the crime.		
Paulo Roberto Cardoso Rodrigues	Male	12 February 2012			Investigators identified the main suspect of the crime, but he was murdered in the city of Jandira, in the state of São Paulo, in 2015. Police inquiries are still underway.		
Mario Randoifo Marques Lopes	Male	12 February 2012			Police inquiries have not been concluded, and investigators believe that there might be a relation between the crime and corruption accusations made by the victim against influential people in the		

Décio Sá	Male	23 April 2012			region of Barra do Pirai, in the state of Rio de Janeiro.	The police inquiry on the murder of Décio Sá resulted in the indictment of 12 people accused of taking part, direct or indirectly, in the crime. Apart from Jhonathan de Souza Silva and Marcos Bruno Silva de Oliveira, three other persons have been arrested and are currently waiting for decision on their appeals: José Raimundo Sales Chaves Júnior, accused of being the intermediary for the homicide, Gláucio Alencar Pontes Carvalho, accused of being the leader of the criminal organization, and José de Alencar Miranda Carvalho, Gláucio's father, accused of being responsible for operationalizing the criminal organization. Other 5 accused had the decision to have their case judged by a jury cancelled and are waiting for a decision on the appeals that have been filed. At present, the police inquiry is at a procedural stage within the Judiciary of the state of Maranhão.	Jhonathan de Souza Silva and Marcos Bruno Silva de Oliveira faced trial on 4th February 2014. After the judgement of the appeals, the Court of Justice of Maranhão decided to confirm the sentence of Jhonathan de Souza Silva, but to annul the sentence of Marcos Bruno Silva de Oliveira. Afterwards, the case of Marcos Bruno Silva de Oliveira was judged again and he was condemned to 18 years and 3 months of confinement.	Jhonathan de Souza Silva, confessed killer, and Marcos Bruno Silva de Oliveira, who was driving the motorcycle used to help Jhonathan escape, are both serving their sentences.
Valério Luiz de Oliveira	Male	5 July 2012	Police of the state of Goiás		The police inquiry indicated five suspects, including the former vice-president of the football team Atlético-GO, whose management of the team was frequently criticized in Mr Valério Luiz de Oliveira's comments. Police inquiries were referred to the Judiciary.			

<i>Eduardo Carvalho</i>	Male	21 November 2012				The police inquiry has not been concluded. Investigation continues to gather evidence on the masterminds, motives and perpetrators of the crime.		
<i>Mafaldo Bezerra Goes</i>	Male	22 February 2013				The investigation indicates that gang were involved in the murder of Mafaldo. Police investigation has identified two persons responsible for the shootings that killed the journalist.		
<i>José Roberto Ornelas</i>	Male	12 June 2013				The police arrested six people accused of leading a militia in the Nova Iguaçu area in the state of Rio de Janeiro. According to the Police, four of them were directly involved in the murder of Mr José Roberto Ornelas.		
<i>Santiago Ildio Andrade</i>	Male	10 February 2014				In February, 2014, two people were arrested under accusation of firing the squib that reached Mr Santiago Ildio Andrade. In March, 2015, after the investigations, the case was referred to a criminal court where the accused would be tried. After analyzing the case, the judge decided that the accused would no longer be prosecuted for intentional homicide, but for unintentional homicide or explosion followed by death. The Public Prosecutor's Office filed an appeal to the Superior Court of Justice. The accused wait for the decision on the appeal in liberty.		
<i>Edilson Dias Lopes</i>	Male	11 February 2014	The Civil Police of the state of Espírito Santo			The police investigation into the crime has not yet been completed. The investigation continues to gather evidence on the motives of the murder and to look for the masterminds of the crime.		
<i>Pedro Palma</i>	Male	13 February 2014	The Homicides Police Unit of Baixada Fluminense			In June, 2014, a suspect of the murder of the journalist was arrested. A confidential inquiry into the crime has not been concluded.		

Geolino Lopes Xavier	Male	27 February 2014				The inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.	
Marcos de Barros Leopoldo Guerra	Male	23 December 2014	The Civil Police of Ubatuba			The inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.	
Gerardo Ceferino Servian Coronel	Male	4 March 2015	The Police Unit of the 2 nd District in Ponta Porã			The inquiry into the crime is underway. The crime is being investigated as an execution. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.	
Evany José Metzker	Male	18 May 2015	Civil Police of the state of Minas Gerais			The inquiry into the crime is underway. Investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators. Civil Police of the state of Minas Gerais work with both the possibility of political motivation or crime of passion.	
Djalma Santos da Conceição	Male	22 May 2015				The inquiry into the crime is under way. Investigators believe the crime to be related with the victim's disclosure of corruption schemes in Conceição da Feira, in the state of Bahia. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.	
Gleydson Carvalho	Male	6 August 2015				In 2015, the Public Prosecutor's Office of the state of Ceará formally accused seven individuals of involvement in the planning and murder of the journalist. It pointed out the crime had been motivated by the victim's work in making political criticism during his radio show. Other individuals remain under investigation and can be formally accused during the course of the criminal procedure. Among the accused, there are two relatives to the former mayor of Martinopole, a neighboring city to the journalist's hometown, Camocim.	

Israel Gonçalves Silva	Male	11 November 2015	Civil Police of the state of Pernambuco	01/2015-DHI/SHPP	A few weeks after the crime, the police arrested two individuals, who confessed they had been involved in the murder of the broadcaster. In December, 2016, the Civil Police of the state of Pernambuco announced that the killing had been motivated by revenge, in view of the journalist's activities in making corruption schemes public during his radio show.		The inquiry into the crime was referred to the Court of Justice of the state of Maranhão, where the case (n°0004552-62.2017.8.10.0000) is being analyzed by the Second Criminal Chamber.
Italo Eduardo Diniz Barros	Male	13 November 2015	Civil Police of the state of Maranhão – Department of Homicides of the Countryside		The Civil Police of Maranhão is currently assessing the possibility that the crime might have been orchestrated by Sebastião Patrick, a local landowner, to please his political ally Indalécio Wanderley, who was constantly criticized by the victim. The Civil Police of Maranhão does not rule out, though, the possibility of the crime having been committed as either a revenge or a cover up since the victim was involved in the plot to murder the former-councilor Paulo Lopes.		
Orislandio Timóteo Araújo	Male	21 November 2015	Police Station of Buriticouu, in the state of Maranhão		The inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.		
João Valdecir de Borba	Male	10 March 2016			The inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.		
Manoel Messias Pereira	Male	9 April 2016	Police Station of Grajaú, in the state of Maranhão		The inquiry into the crime is underway. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.		
João Miranda do Carmo	Male	24 July 2016	Civil Police of the state of Goiás		Civil Police in the state of Goiás have arrested two suspects for the murder, Mr Rooney da Silva Moraes, accused of being the shooter, and Douglas Ferreira de Moraes, head of security of		

<i>Maurício Campos Rosa</i>	Male	17 August 2016	Civil Police of the state of Minas Gerais									
<i>Jairo de Oliveira Silva</i>	Male	16 October 2016	The Homicide Police Unit of the 3 rd District of Salvador.									
<i>Luis Gustavo da Silva</i>	Male	14 June 2017										

Section 2: Positive or Innovative Measures the Member State is taking to promote safety of journalists and combat impunity

Activity	Actors	Outcome(s)
<p>- On 13 March 2018, the National Council of Public Prosecutors (CNMP) expressed its interest in establishing a partnership with UNESCO, so as to foster initiatives about safety of journalists. On 10 May 2018, UNESCO replied to this communication, also expressing its agreement with the proposal and suggesting that the partnership is structured so as to last until 31 December 2019, with possible renewal once this term is finished.</p>	<p>- The National Council of Public Prosecutors (CNMP) and UNESCO.</p> <p>- National Human Rights Council (CNDH), communicators who face threats against their lives and relatives of communicators who were murdered owing to the job they did.</p>	<p>- The partnership is yet to begin is implementation phase.</p> <p>- The activity raised awareness about the violence faced by communicators.</p>

<p>- On 8 May 2018, the National Human Rights Council (CNDH) organized a public hearing with the aim of discussing strategies to face the violence against communicators in Brazil.</p> <p>- The Decree n° 9122, of 2017, determined that the National Human Rights Ombudsman Office is competent for receiving, analyzing, and processing reports of human rights violations; for fostering the peaceful resolution of social conflicts that may result in human rights violations; and for taking steps to tackle human rights violations. Besides, the National Humans Rights Ombudsperson Office is currently in charge of the initiative "Disque 100".</p> <p>- In 2016, the Permanent Commission on the Right to Communication and Freedom of Expression of the National Human Rights Council (CNDH) prepared the report "Human Rights violations in Brazilian Media".</p> <p>- In 2012, a working group (WG) on the human rights of communication professionals in Brazil was created within the scope of the National Human Rights Council (CNDH).</p>	<p>- National Humans Rights Ombudsperson Office</p> <p>- Permanent Commission on the Right to Communication and Freedom of Expression</p> <p>- The WG of the National Human Rights Council (CNDH), which is composed of representatives of the CNDH, the Human Rights Ministry, the Special Secretariat for Social Communication of the Presidency of the Republic, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communication, the Office of the Federal Attorney for the Rights of Citizens, the Brazilian Press Association, the National Federation of Journalists, the National Newspaper Association, the Brazilian Association of Media Companies and Entrepreneurs, the Brazilian Association of</p>	<p>- By registering, analyzing and referring denunciations of human rights violations to the competent authorities in charge of providing protection and ensuring accountability, "Disque 100" has become a reference for those in situations of vulnerability, including communicators who are threatened because of their jobs. Besides, "Disque 100" has helped assemble data about violence against communicators.</p> <p>- The report made several recommendations to sectors related to the work of communicators, so as to strengthen the respect to human rights by media companies in Brazil.</p> <p>- In May, 2012, representatives of journalists' associations and trade unions met with Maria do Rosário, who were, at the time, Minister of Human Rights, to convey information about the nature of violations to the rights of communicators. As a result, the group decided to create a mechanism to monitor investigations of crimes committed against communicators.</p>
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<p>- In 2004, Brazil created its National Program for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders and, in 2007, Brazil created its National Policy for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders.</p>	<p>Investigative Journalism, and the Interstate Federation of Workers of Radio-broadcasting and Television.</p> <p>- Ministry of Human Rights</p>	<p>- Journalists can be included in the program, if they work with the defense of human rights, being protected from harm while being able to carry on their professional activities.</p>
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Section 3: Steps the Member State has taken to consider the specific risks faced by women journalists in the exercise of their work

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