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**International Liaison Committee
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Communiqué of the International Liaison Committee of workers and peoples

No to the condemnation of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva!

The Brazilian judiciary, in the person of judge Moro, has sentenced, without proof, former president Lula da Silva to nine years and six months in prison in a first instance decision.

Almost simultaneously, the Senate, composed by a majority of senators accused of corruption, voted the counter-reform of the Labour Code, destroying one of the main historical gains of the Brazilian working class.

The 6th Congress of the Workers' Party, which Lula was a founder, had decided to commit all its forces together with the majority of the union organisations against the reforms -- dictated by financial capitals -- and the government that has been implementing them.

After the April 28 and June 30 (2017) general strikes against the counter-reforms of the Labour Code and of the retirement program (public social security), a large movement shakes the whole country to bring down Temer's coup government.

There can be no doubt that the actual goal of Lula's condemnation is to prevent him from being a candidate in the next presidential election, which constitutes a serious violation of democracy.

As several organisations in Brazil say, without Lula, the elections would be a sham.

The International Liaison Committee of workers and peoples, which is preparing the 9th Open World Conference against war and exploitation for the coming months, asks all its organisations that participate in the ILC's activities on the international level to join the campaign engaged in Brazil and on the international level against the condemnation of Lula.

With our internationalist greetings,

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