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Brazil: The case of José Eduardo Da Silva

In light of the decision of José Eduardo Da Silva -- an Amnesty International Brazil Section staff member -- to return to Brazil to cooperate with the police investigation into the 1999/2000 letter bomb campaign, Amnesty International would like to reiterate that the organization will continue to provide full cooperation to the authorities in regard to this case. The case is based on a police investigation into the 1999/2000 letter bomb campaign against Amnesty International's office, staff and members of other organizations.

As with all cases, Amnesty International continues to call for the authorities to ensure a fair and effective judicial process, and for José Eduardo Da Silva to be given the basic right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty before a court of law. José Eduardo Da Silva's family have hired a lawyer to represent and defend his interests.

The human rights organization will continue to monitor the case, and will make public its comments once the due process of law is exhausted.

Amnesty International will continue to campaign for the full respect of human rights in Brazil, including the rights of gays, lesbians, blacks and jews, and other minority groups, which were the subject of a hate campaign by suspected neo-Nazi groups.

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