

São Paulo, 19 July 2022

To: Ambassadors and staff members of diplomatic missions and multilateral organizations

Dear Sir/Madam,

In one of his most explicit anti-democratic demonstrations yet, on Monday 18 July, President Jair Bolsonaro gathered Brasilia's diplomatic community for a presentation at the *Palácio da Alvorada*, where he attacked Brazilian electoral institutions and their members, using false and manipulated information.

Transparency International Brazil would like to share the translation of a detailed professional fact-checking study carried out by [Lupa](#), one of the most respected and experienced verification agencies operating in Brazil.

We are convinced that you and the institutions you represent are already aware of the ongoing fake news campaign coming from President Bolsonaro's office. Our objective is to provide further documentation of yet another very serious attack by Mr. Bolsonaro against Brazilian institutions.

It is extremely important to systematically document the incumbent president's conduct, which can constitute criminal responsibility in the Brazilian legal system. However, it has not been properly investigated and prosecuted due to current co-option of control institutions and the breakdown of our country's system of checks and balances, within both legal and political pillars of accountability.

Since 2019, Transparency International has documented and denounced to the international community deterioration of democratic rule of law and governance in Brazil. Yesterday's event dispelled any doubts about the ongoing destabilization process, leaving no room for ambiguity or misrepresentation.

President Bolsonaro's conduct must never be dismissed as irresponsible bravado or nonsense. The international community must be fully aware of the rampant degradation of Brazilian democracy and the imminent risk of rupture in the electoral process and violent conflagration, with serious consequences for international stability.

Brazilian society counts on firm and unequivocal support from the international community in defense of the electoral process and Brazilian democracy.

Yours sincerely,



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