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## **MANIFESTO IN SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC RULE OF LAW**

The representatives of civil society who subscribe to this Manifesto reaffirm their unconditional support for the Democratic Rule of Law and the Brazilian Constitution. In this context, the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court has played a fundamental role for the consolidation of democracy and for the implementation of the principles and guarantees of Brazilian citizens. It is necessary to defend and preserve the Supreme Court as a vital institution for democracy in Brazil.

Freedom of expression and of criticism are among the values most dear to the Rule of Law. Ideological and opinion differences are characteristic of a democracy and should have a place in public debate, but they are not to be confused with the intolerable violent attacks that endanger democracy itself. There is no freedom to commit crimes, and acts that threaten democracy and freedom itself cannot be tolerated.

In times of repeated acts of aggression against institutions and the systematic attempt to weaken Brazilian democracy, materialized in the violent acts of January 8, it is urgent that we unite nationally, using the strengthening of the democratic regime as a guide. To that end, it is essential to defend the Supreme Court and its constitutional powers, with respect for the due process of law, the right to a fair hearing and the presumption of innocence.

It is crucial to reject setbacks and attacks against the Democratic Rule of Law. The time has come for the pacification of society and for everyone to unite for the construction of a free, just, fraternal and solidary society.

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