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Às Lideranças Partidárias Câmara dos Deputados  
Brazil

Honourable Lideranças Partidárias Câmara dos Deputados,

I am writing in my capacity as the Chair of the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA), a network of over fifty national, regional and international anthropological associations from all continents.

We are extremely concerned to learn about the government-authorized violation of the financial confidentiality of ABA (Associação Brasileira de Antropologia), one of the founding member associations of the WCAA. It is universally acknowledged that ABA has always scrupulously conducted its work in accordance with its own rigorous code of ethics, following the finest traditions of our discipline. This investigation will definitely exercise a chilling effect on academic freedom in Brazil. It will also cause needless damage to the reputation of a serious and highly regarded professional association, and ultimately to Brazil's intellectual standing internationally.

We respectfully urge you to curtail this policy of intimidation towards our fellow anthropologists in Brazil. Our

global network will be very thankful for the consideration of our request in your further deliberations.

Respectfully,

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## **Africa**

Anthropology Southern Africa (ASnA)  
Pan African Anthropology Association (PAAA)  
Tunisian Association of Anthropology / L'Association  
Tunisienne d'Anthropologie - TAA

## **Asia**

Anthropological Association of the Philippines / Ugnayang  
Pang-Aghamtao, Inc. - UGAT  
The Chinese Anthropological Society - CAS  
Hong Kong Anthropological Society - HKAS  
Indian Anthropological Association - IAA  
Indian Anthropological Society - Calcutta  
Indonesian Anthropological Association - IAA  
Israeli Anthropological Association - IAA  
Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology - JASCA  
Korean Society for Cultural Anthropology - KOSCA  
Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology - TSAE

## **Australasia**

Association of Social Anthropologists of New Zealand/Aoteroa -  
ASA-NZ  
Australian Anthropological Society - AAS

## **Europe**

Anthropological Association of Ireland - AAI  
Anthropological Association of Sweden - SANT  
Asociación de Antropología de Castilla y León - AAC-LMK  
Associação Portuguesa de Antropologia - APA  
Association Française des Anthropologues - AFA  
Association Française d'Ethnologie et d'Anthropologie - AFEA  
Association of Anthropologists and Ethnologists of Russia -  
AAER  
Association of Social Anthropologists UK & Commonwealth - ASA  
Associazione Nazionale Universitaria degli  
Antropologi Culturali - ANUAC  
Croatian Anthropological Association - HAD  
Czech Association for Social Anthropology - CASA

Česká Národopisná Společnost - ČNS  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde - DGV  
European Association of Social Anthropologists - EASA  
Finnish Anthropological Society - SAS  
Institut Català d'Antropologia - ICA  
Instituto Madrileño de Antropología - IMA  
International Association for Southeast European Anthropology  
(InASEA)  
Istituto Italiano di Antropologia - ISItA  
Latvijas Antropologu Biedriba - LAB  
Norsk Antropologisk Forening - NAF  
Polskie Towarzystwo Ludoznawcze / Polish Ethnological Society  
- PTL  
Royal Anthropological Institute - RAI  
Serbian Ethnological and Anthropological Society (SEAS)

### **Latin America**

Associação Brasileira de Antropologia - ABA  
Asociación Latinoamericana de Antropología - ALA  
Colegio de Antropólogos de Chile - CAC  
Colegio de Etnólogos y Antropólogos Sociales - CEAS  
Colegio de Graduados en Antropología de la República Argentina  
- CGA  
Uruguayan Association of Social and Cultural Anthropology -  
AUAS

### **North America**

American Anthropological Association - AAA  
Canadian Anthropology Society / La Société Canadienne  
d'Anthropologie - CASCA  
Society for Applied Anthropology - SfAA

### **International**

International Society for Ethnology and Folklore / Société  
Internationale d'Ethnologie et de Folklore (SIEF)  
International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological  
Sciences (IUAES)  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research



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Prezados Senhores,

Escrevo na qualidade de Presidente do Conselho Mundial de Associações Antropológicas (WCAA), uma rede que agrega mais de cinquenta associações antropológicas nacionais, regionais e internacionais, de todos os continentes.

Ficamos extremamente preocupados ao saber da autorização do Congresso de violar a confidencialidade da Associação Brasileira de Antropologia (ABA), um dos membros fundadores da WCAA. Reconhece-se mundialmente que a ABA tem conduzido escrupulosamente seus projetos, de acordo com a legislação brasileira e com o seu rigoroso código de ética, em consonância com a melhor tradição de nossa disciplina. Essa investigação irá exercer um efeito inibidor da liberdade acadêmica no Brasil. Também irá causar danos desnecessários para a reputação de uma associação profissional séria e altamente respeitada, e, finalmente, à posição intelectual ocupada pelo Brasil internacionalmente.

Solicitamos respeitosamente a Vossa Excelência que impeça essa política de intimidação para com os nossos colegas antropólogos no Brasil. Nossa rede global de Antropologia

estará muito grata pela consideração dessa nossa solicitação em suas futuras deliberações.

Atenciosamente,



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