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STATEMENT BY THE EMAUS BRAZIL FEDERATION AND THE NATIONAL DELEGATES OF EMAUS AMERICA ON THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN BRAZIL

The Emmaus Brazil Federation and the National Delegates of Emmaus America, in light of the current political situation facing the country, express their deep concern over the rise of right-wing forces and, in particular, the strengthening of the far right in the 2026 elections in Brazil.

The result of the first round surprised us and caused concern. At the same time, we believe there is still a possibility of a shift in the second round and that the electoral process remains open. This moment calls for hope, but also for close attention and reflection on what is happening in our country.

It is important to note that this sense of concern and insecurity was already present even before the election results were announced. In the days leading up to the election, the suspension of activities by some foreign diplomatic missions in Brazil caused moments of apprehension and mistrust among us. The feeling that something different was happening—a certain sense that something was amiss—came before we even knew the results of the first round. We do not, however, establish any direct link between these events and the electoral process; we merely note the sense of unease that marked that period.

Given this situation, the Emmaus Brazil Federation is working to better understand how this process is unfolding in different regions of the country. Brazil is a vast country with very distinct social, economic, cultural, and political realities. We want to listen to our groups, understand these differences, and collectively seek to understand what led to this outcome and what challenges lie ahead for the coming period.

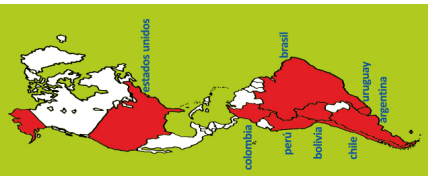
As Emmaus, we cannot remain indifferent.

Our history stands alongside the impoverished, workers, and all those who face exclusion. We advocate for a society based on solidarity, social justice, equality, and human dignity. For this reason, we are concerned about the advancement of political agendas that could represent setbacks for social rights, public policies, and the democratic gains built up over so many generations.

This moment calls for organization, dialogue, and resistance. We must understand the people's anxieties, be even closer to the communities, and strengthen popular participation—without abandoning our principles or our defense of human rights, democracy, and social justice.

The rise of the far right concerns us, but it does not paralyze us. On the contrary, it calls on us to strengthen our presence among the most vulnerable people and to reaffirm, through our actions, the values that have always guided Emmaus.

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