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The National Front for Environmental Sanitation (FNSA) is hereby express full solidarity with the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to safe drinking water and sanitation, Mrs. Catarina de Albuquerque, on account of the letter sent by the Governor of the State of São Paulo, Brazil, Geraldo Alckmin, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-Moon in which requests “correction” of statements of the Rapporteur made on her visit to São Paulo in August last, gave as the reason for water crisis by passing citizens the ineffectiveness of the government, particularly the State Government.

We regret the fact that the Governor, instead of seeking solutions to the water crisis affecting the metropolitan areas of São Paulo and Campinas, especially the poor, seeks to investigate and convict federal officials, parliamentarians, social and popular organizations and all those who dare say that the tragic situation with water scarcity is the responsibility of the current government that has not taken the necessary steps, despite has been 20 years at the helm of the State of São Paulo.

We believe that the Rapporteur's visit and her statements are consistent with the function exercised by it, which is to defend water as a fundamental human right and any situation where you configure your retrenchment, is characterized as a violation of rights.

Signed by:

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CIMI - Indian Missionary Council

CONAM - National Confederation of Residents' Associations

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FNU - National Federation of Urban  
FISENGE - Interstate Federation of Trade Unions of Engineers  
MST - Landless Workers Movement  
FASE - Federation of Organizations for Social and Educational Assistance  
Observatory of Women  
Brazilian Lesbian League  
MAB - Movement of People Affected by Dams  
CUT Nacional - Central Union of Workers  
CUT - Central Union of Workers - Pará  
CUT - Central Union of Workers - Amapá  
CUT - Central Union of Workers - Roraima  
CUT - Central Union of Workers - Rondônia  
CUT - Central Union of Workers - Acre  
ISP - Brazil - Public Services International  
FUAL - Federation of Urban Workers in the Northern Region  
Union of Urban Workers of Alagoas  
Union of Urban Workers of Amazon  
Union of Urban Workers of Roraima  
Union of Urban Workers of Acre  
Union of Urban Workers of Amapá  
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