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Assunto: [Brazil Review] Civil Society Report to CERD Committee

Distinguished members of the CERD Committee,

In the spirit of contributing to the works of the CERD Committee in the context of the review of Brazil, on behalf of AFAIA – ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS FILHOS E AMIGOS DO ILÊ IYÁ OMI ÀSÉ OFÁ KARE, I am happy to present our civil society report on racism and racial discrimination in the country.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Religious Racism against Traditional Peoples and Communities of African Matrix –

Peoples of Terreiro.

AFAIA is a non-profit and non-partisan civil society institution, created in 1987, due to the need to organize black women and black men, members of the Ilê Iyá Omi Àsé Ofá Karè. A reference in the Amazon, the Entity is experienced in the production of Debates, Seminars, Meetings, Forums and Projects aimed at the social inclusion of the black population and the religiosity of the African Matrix of the Amazon, in several areas.

For years these populations have systematically suffered violations of their rights to express their faith, having their worship spaces invaded, with the destruction of their sacred objects, in addition to the murders of religious leaders. Structural racism hinders access to justice and public policies to reduce inequalities. Persecution and criminalization of cultural and religious practices of African origin remains.



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Religious racism continues to be reproduced by public entities - notably by the justice system, as a kind of vicious cycle. The Brazilian Penal Code of 1940, still in force, criminalizes charlatanism (art. 283) and traditional medicine (art. 284), practices that were also mistakenly associated with Afro-Brazilian religions; Many Terreiros are being forced to change location by demand of the parallel Power and the State remains inert. Black mothers lose custody of their children because they want to include them in their religious practices. This “Macumbeiro” body is violated because its belonging is intrinsically linked to traditions of African origin. The 1988 CF guaranteed full religious freedom, however Afro-Brazilian religions continue to face, in various spheres, unfavorable legal, political and social treatment, thus affecting the enjoyment of their rights and establishing inequalities of treatment in various dimensions of their lives. public and private. This reality can be seen in the daily refusal of care in health units, in the constraint in the use of public transport - in which religious proselytism has been a vehicle of hate speech towards religious of African origin, and even in the restriction access to public bodies with their own religiosity attire.

IMPORTANT LINKS

<https://g1.globo.com/ba/bahia/noticia/2020/06/12/pai-de-santo-denuncia-invasao-tiros-e-destruicao-de-objetos-sagrados-em-terreiro-na-bahia-violencia-muito-grave.ghtml>

<https://amazoniareal.com.br/a-intolerancia-emerge-contr-a-religiao-de-matriz-africana-em-belem/>

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS



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Adopt comprehensive and effective policies that combat religious racism, especially against communities and traditional peoples of African origin.

. Continue efforts to raise public awareness of ethnic and racial equality issues and combat violence against people of African descent, especially black youth.

. Continue to take measures to implement existing legislation to combat structural racism in order to promote equitable treatment of hyper-vulnerable populations.

. Take preventive measures to reduce violations of the rights of Afro-descendants.

. Carry out detailed, impartial and timely investigations of all crimes committed by institutionalized and non-institutionalized agents against the Afro-descendant population, especially black youth and traditional terreiro communities.

. Reject bills aimed at curbing the exercise of religious freedom.

. Continue to take steps to develop legislation and policies at the federal, state and municipal levels to punish and prevent hate crimes and discrimination against people of African descent.



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