

## **Emergency resolution of the Mediterranean group, in solidarity with the Brazilian people and the protection of public services**

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The executive committee of EPSU, meeting in Brussels on 6 and 7 November, 2018, wishes to express its solidarity with the Brazilian people, in particular with the unions fighting to protect the working class.

We also express our firm position in the defence of democracy, labour, and social and environmental rights, which are being questioned as a result of the election of Jair Bolsonaro.

The new President of Brazil does not condemn the military dictatorship that devastated the country for more than two decades, he makes an apology for torture and is attempting, among other things, to hand over the natural resources of the Amazon, the lungs of the Earth, to the big multinationals, based exclusively on the possible economic benefits.

Similarly, he intends to take decisions contrary to the criteria established by the United Nations.

The President-elect is defending a law that considers the landless and the homeless to be terrorists and criminalises social struggles. It is unacceptable that, with the excuse of civil insecurity, the discourse should resolve conflicts through violence, facilitating access to arms and legalising their possession.

Bolsonaro considers it fair that women should have lower salaries than men. He is attempting to criminalise and persecute the LGTBI community and wants to put an end to the social conquests that defend minorities and the poorest people.

Years of trade union struggle that have led to advances in the labour market for millions of workers in the country could be put at risk by the ideas and decisions that the new government of President Bolsonaro intends to adopt.

The announcement of the elimination of public institutions jeopardises essential public services of quality for Brazilian citizens.

Therefore, from the European Federation of Public Services, we call on the European Institutions to be vigilant against any decision that may violate the rule of law, social and democratic, of the Brazilian people.