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Dear General Prosecutor

I call on you to immediately take all necessary measures to ensure an independent, impartial and thorough investigation into the killing of human rights defender **Pedro Henrique Santos Cruz**, who was murdered on 27 December 2018 in Tucano, Bahia. All those responsible for the crime must be brought to justice in fair trials.

Pedro Henrique was an activist and advocate of racial justice and human rights. Pedro Henrique organized “Walks of Peace”, which brought people together in solidarity. They spoke out about police abuses against their communities. But they were met with hostility and intimidation from the police.

Officers began to monitor Pedro Henrique. They threatened and violently attacked him for his activism. His girlfriend, who was present at his murder, recognized the three perpetrators as police officers. But almost five years on, they are still active in the police force.

While seeking justice for her son, Pedro Henrique’s mother, **Ana Maria Santos Cruz**, has faced repeated threats and harassment. I call on you to take all necessary measures to ensure an end to the continuing judicial and procedural harassment against Ana Maria.

Yours sincerely