



Group of the Progressive Alliance of
Socialists & Democrats
in the European Parliament



We, **Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ**, on behalf of the **Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (the S&Ds)**, **Sergei STANISHEV**, on behalf of the **Party of European Socialists**, and **Gleisi HOFFMANN**, on behalf of the **Workers' Party of Brazil**, hereby declare our commitment to strengthening our cooperation through intensified contacts and exchanges with a view to promoting and supporting in our respective parliaments and societies the values and policies we share concerning democracy, human rights, social justice, equality, solidarity and sovereignty for just, sustainable and inclusive societies.

1. Both parties agree to strengthen cooperation with the aim of:
 - a. Improving knowledge and advancing better understanding of the respective structures and policies of each organisation;
 - b. Establishing frameworks for discussion and exchange on the political situation and the present challenges in Brazil on the one hand and in the European Union on the other;
 - c. Promoting, and advocating for, socialist values and progressive policies in their respective parliaments;
 - d. Sharing information and best practices and consulting each other on policy-making, in particular on issues of political, social and economic relevance to the relations between Brazil and the European Union.

2. Both parties agree to achieve the aims outlined in this memorandum by:
 - a. Holding regular meetings between the leadership of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament and the Party of European Socialists, and the Parliamentary Group of the Workers' Party of Brazil in the Federal Senate and Chamber of Deputies as well as the Party leadership;
 - b. Establishing direct and regular contact at administrative level from both sides, including the institution of exchange programmes where it is deemed appropriate and effective;
 - c. Organising visits to Europe and to the European Parliament for members of the Parliamentary Groups of the Workers' Party of Brazil as well as the Party leadership, and to Brazil for the leadership and members of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats and the Party of European Socialists;

- d. Exchanging information to foster the development of common political actions and convening bilateral meetings at leadership level, including PES European Commissioners and at the level of ministers and heads of state and government, in the European Union and in Brazil in the context of:
 - i. The EU-Brazil Inter-Parliamentary Delegations;
 - ii. The Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, the multilateral parliamentary forum composed of members from the European Parliament and Latin American regional parliaments, including the Parlatino (Latin American Parliament), the Parlandino (Andean Parliament), the Parlacen (Central American Parliament), the Parlasur (MERCOSUR Parliament) and the Congresses of Mexico and Chile;
 - iii. The EU-Brazil Ministerial Meetings and Summits;
 - iv. The EU-CELAC Ministerial Meetings and Summits;
 - v. The EU-MERCOSUR Ministerial Meetings and Summits;
- e. Holding regular seminars and discussion meetings or other activities both in the European Parliament and in the Congress of the Federative Republic of Brazil on topics of mutual concern, including the participation of representatives of relevant parliamentary committees and in the context of the Global Progressive Forum and its initiatives, with a particular focus on social justice and inclusion, poverty reduction, gender equality and violence against women, children and young people, sustainable development, the environment and climate change, foreign affairs, right-wing populism and hate speech;
- f. Fostering the establishment of contact and the potential for cooperation with local administrations, foundations and academia, trade unions, civil society and the media in Brazil for the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialist and Democrats in the European Parliament and the Party of European Socialists, and for the Brazilian Congress with their respective counterparts in the EU, including, inter alia, the EU institutions and their officials, the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions and the Foundation for European Progressive Studies and its national member foundations;
- g. Promoting motions, resolutions and declarations in the respective parliaments supporting the strengthening of relations between the EU and Brazil.

3. We agree that this memorandum of cooperation will come into effect on the date of signature and will last until the 2024 elections of the European Parliament whereupon new commitments for future cooperation between our organisations will be defined.

Done at São Paulo and Brussels on 29th September 2022

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