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**MARIELLE FRANCO**

**HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER, BRAZIL**

**KILLED FOR FEARLESSLY**

**DEFENDING OTHERS**

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**HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER**

**BRAZIL**



Marielle Franco fought fearlessly for a fairer and safer Rio de Janeiro. She was a popular city councillor who grew up in the favelas and always stood up for the rights of black women, LGBTI people and young people. She also condemned unlawful killings by the police. “Marielle embodied the rights she stood up for,” says her partner Monica.

But then, on 14 March 2018, Marielle was killed, shot to death in her car together with her driver, Anderson Pedro Gomes. Evidence suggests the murder was carried out by skilled professionals, and experts said the bullets had belonged to the Brazilian Federal Police.

Brazil is one of the world’s deadliest countries for human rights defenders like Marielle, with at least 70 killed in 2017. Too often, the killings are not investigated and those responsible go free. People who stand up for human rights live in constant fear.

Together, we can show the Brazilian authorities we won’t rest until justice is done. They must protect human rights defenders from further attacks. And they must identify who killed Marielle. As her sister Anielle says: “As long as we have the strength we will demand justice.”

**Demand justice for Marielle today.**



## WRITE TO THE BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT TODAY

Urge him to bring Marielle Franco’s killers to justice, including those who ordered the crime, and to protect human rights defenders in Brazil from further threats and attacks.

**Brazilian President**

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**Salutation:** Dear President

## STAND WITH MARIELLE’S FAMILY

Send your messages of solidarity and strength, so that they know you stand with them in their fight for justice.

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