

Acting Governor of Rio de Janeiro State
Cláudio Castro
Brazil

Dear acting governor,

Today, I demand that you ensure a prompt, thorough, impartial and independent investigation into the killing of human rights defender Marielle Franco.

This must identify both the shooters and the people who ordered her killing, as well as the motivation for the crime. All those responsible must be brought to justice through a fair trial that meets international standards.

I also urge you to take all necessary measures to prevent further threats and attacks against human rights defenders like Marielle, including by restoring the programme of protection for human rights defenders in Brazil.

Sincerely,