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Urging the Government of Brazil to ensure that the October 2022 elections are conducted in a free, fair, credible, transparent, and peaceful manner.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Urging the Government of Brazil to ensure that the October 2022 elections are conducted in a free, fair, credible, transparent, and peaceful manner.

Whereas, in 1822, the United States was the first country to recognize Brazil as an independent country;

Whereas the United States and Brazil are 2 of the largest democracies and economies in the Western Hemisphere;

Whereas bilateral relations between the United States and Brazil are rooted in a shared commitment to democracy and prosperity and the promotion of international peace, security, respect for human rights, and environmental stewardship, including protection of the Brazilian Amazon;

Whereas efforts to incite political violence, encourage the armed forces of Brazil to intervene in the conduct of the electoral processes of the Brazil, and question or subvert the democratic and electoral institutions of Brazil ahead of the country's October 2, 2022, general elections undermine the democratic foundation of relations between the United States and Brazil and must be resolutely rejected by both countries;

Whereas, according to a recent survey by the Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil is experiencing a 335-percent increase in violence directed against political leaders in 2022 relative to 2019;

Whereas Brazilians from all sectors of society have publicly expressed serious concern about ongoing efforts to undermine democracy in Brazil, including—

(1) close to 1,000,000 Brazilians who signed an open letter released on July 26, 2022, defending the democratic institutions of Brazil and the rule of law; and

(2) prominent Brazilian business, religious, political, and civil society leaders who released a statement expressing confidence in the electoral systems of Brazil on August 5, 2022; and

Whereas the United States Government has on multiple occasions expressed full confidence in the strength of the democratic institutions of Brazil and the ability of the electoral system of Brazil to carry out free and fair elections absent fraud: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) urges the Government of Brazil to ensure
3 that the October 2022 elections are conducted in a
4 free, fair, credible, transparent, and peaceful manner

1 that enables all citizens of Brazil to exercise the
2 right to vote; and

3 (2) calls for the United States Government—

4 (A) to continue to speak out against ef-
5 forts to incite political violence and undermine
6 the electoral process in Brazil and to hold the
7 Government of Brazil accountable for respect-
8 ing the rights of the citizens of Brazil in ac-
9 cordance with international obligations and the
10 Constitution of the Federative Republic of
11 Brazil;

12 (B) to immediately recognize the outcome
13 of the election in Brazil, if that election is de-
14 termined by international observers and organi-
15 zations to have been free and fair; and

16 (C) to make unequivocally clear that the
17 United States considers bilateral United States
18 assistance to Brazil to be predicated on the his-
19 toric and ongoing commitment of the Govern-
20 ment and people of Brazil to democratic prin-
21 ciples and human rights and will—

22 (i) review and reconsider the relation-
23 ship between the United States any gov-
24 ernment that comes to power in Brazil

1 through undemocratic means, including a
2 military coup; and
3 (ii) ensure United States security as-
4 sistance and other forms of bilateral
5 United States assistance to Brazil remain
6 compliant with relevant laws of the United
7 States related to the peaceful and demo-
8 cratic transition of power, including long-
9 standing restrictions on the provision of se-
10 curity assistance in the event of a military
11 coup.