

Campaign for Lula's Nobel Peace Prize Gains Strength Worldwide

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Brasilia, Jan 7 (Prensa Latina) The international campaign to grant the Nobel Peace Prize to former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in 2019 has gained strength, according to the website Brasil 247.

When quoting the bulleting of the Democratic Resistance movement, the website noted that the initiative, led in the beginning by the 1980 Nobel Peace Prizewinner Adolfo Perez Esquivel, from Argentina, 'has spread on all social networks of militants' who acknowledge the huge legacy left by Lula during his governments.

The source added that supporters have until January 31 to submit Lula's candidacy formally. Lula is a former labor leader, a fighter against hunger and poverty whose career turned him into a world leader for peace and human dignity.

According to the bylaws of the Nobel Foundation, a valid candidacy for the Nobel Peace Prize needs the signatures of members of national assemblies and national governments (members of the cabinet or ministers) from sovereign States, as well as incumbent heads of State, members of the International Court of Justice in The Hague and the Permanent Arbitrage Court in The Hague.

It also needs the signatures of members of the Droit International Institute,

university professors and professors emeritus of history, social sciences, law, philosophy, theology and religion, and university rectors and directors.

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Other signatures required are from directors of peace and foreign policy research institutes, Nobel Peace Prizewinners, members of the main directorate of organizations that have won that prize, and members, ex members and former advisors of the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

In Brazil, Lula's candidacy is supported by thousands of people, including politicians who were not members of the governments led by the Workers' Party (PT) and were not alongside the former trade union leader during his entire political career.