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Many of us signed, two years ago, a protest against the exclusion of Heloisa Helena and other members of parliament from the PT, the Brazilian Workers Party.

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Today, Heloisa has become the presidential candidate of the new Party of Socialism and Liberty (PSOL), founded by several bureaucratically excluded or dissident members of the PT, and of a Left Front. While Lula's government followed a typical social-liberal course, disappointing millions of people who voted for him in the hope of a radical social and political change, and people all over the world who expected from Brazil a new impulse for anti-imperialist struggle, Heloisa Helena and her comrades remained faithful to the original anti-imperialist and socialist programme of the PT.

She is today the only candidate in the Brazilian elections who raises the historical banners of the Brazilian labour movement, of the peasants, the poor and the oppressed:

- a radical agrarian reform,
- suspension of the payment of the foreign debt,
- rejection of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (ALCA),
- a substantial reduction of working hours without loss of pay,
- a moratorium on the use of Genetically Modified Organisms (such as Monsanto's Terminator seeds),
- support for the ALBA, the Bolivarian Alliance of the Americas (Venezuela, Bolivia, Cuba).

The elections in Brazil are of concern for socialists everywhere in the world. In solidarity with the poor and the exploited Brazilian masses, we support the only socialist candidate in the next Brazilian presidential elections, Heloisa Helena.

Please email your name (with your position or capacity) or the name of your organisation, to:

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