

It is a basic principle of peaceful coexistence between peoples that true democracies do not attack each other, but rather are mutually respectful, cooperate with each other and jointly promote Human Rights.

The Federative Republic of Brazil is governed, in its international relations, among others, by the principle of non-intervention (Federal Constitution of 1988, Art. 4, IV).

This entails, in a very special manner, respect for the Powers that embody national sovereignty, including the Judiciary Branch, essential as it is to the protection of democracy itself.

Therefore, it is unacceptable that a foreign country (especially a friendly country) considers, much less intends, to censure a member of the Brazilian Judiciary, whoever it may be, for decisions rendered in the exercise of jurisdiction.

The independence of the judiciary and respect for judicial decisions is an elementary premise of the democratic regime, as the Founding Fathers taught, starting with Alexander Hamilton, deservedly reverberated in other peoples, as done by Alexis de Tocqueville.

No one, in honesty of purpose, can give up these lessons, and it is forbidden for those who have the dignity of Brazilian citizenship to conspire against their own Homeland, much less by allying themselves with those who knowingly challenge old democratic traditions that continue to inspire so many Nations, including the Brazilian one.

By reaffirming these self-evident truths, the Full Bench of the School of Law of Universidade de São Paulo vehemently expresses itself in solidarity and support for its member, Full Professor and Associate Justice Alexandre de Moraes, especially in the face of the threats that have been made as a response and in purportedly intimidating fashion.

The Full Bench of the School also stands in solidarity with similar institutions of higher education under attack, including Harvard University, because democracy comprises, in a living manner, freedoms of thought and professorship that are manifested in a very special way in Universities.