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# City councilor of the PSOL, murdered in Rio de Janeiro

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**Marielle Franco, member of PSol, elected councillor in Rio de Janeiro with the fifth highest votes in 2016 was an outspoken fighter for justice and against police violence. Franco and her driver were shot dead on 14 March in a drive-by killing.**

**The PSol issued this statement.**

The Socialism and Liberty Party (PSol) publicly expresses its regret at the murder of our Rio de Janeiro councilwoman Marielle Franco, and of Anderson Pedro Gomes, the driver who accompanied her.

We stand by the family, friends, advisors and party leaders of PSOL/RJ in this moment of pain and indignation. Marielle's performance as a councilor and human rights activist made the party's militants very proud and will be honored in the continuity of her struggle.

We cannot rule out the hypothesis of a political crime, that is, an execution. Marielle had just denounced the Military Police's brutal and truculent action in the Irajá region of the Acari community. In addition, the characteristics of the crime, with a car coming alongside Marielle's vehicle, and someone firing many shots and fleeing, strengthen that possibility. Therefore, we demand immediate and rigorous investigation of this heinous crime. We will not be silenced!

***Marielle, presente! Hoje e sempre!***

*Socialism and Freedom Party*

*March 14, 2018*

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