

Lula's defense to denounce Bolsonaro to the UN for violating rights

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Brasilia, Sep 25 (Prensa Latina) Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's defense team will denounce President Jair Bolsonaro to the United Nations Human Rights Committee for violating the rights of the former president during his speech at the General Assembly of the international organization.

'There is no final conviction against Lula that allows ruling out the constitutional guarantee of the presumption of innocence,' indicated lawyers Cristiano Zanin Martins and Valeska Martins in a press release.

Among other offensive statements, the speech delivered yesterday by Bolsonaro at the opening of the 74th session of the forum in New York included a series of attacks against the administrations of Lula and Dilma Rousseff, as well as criticism of the media and praise of the military dictatorship of 1964.

According to the former labor leader's defense attorneys, the speech by the far-right politician violated 'laws and UN decisions' and was incompatible with the Constitution of the Republic, especially with the provision that ensures that the presumption of innocence can only be rejected by a final judgment, following reference made yesterday by Bolsonaro to Lula during the opening of the global forum.

One of the serious violations that the United Nations Committee must judge, jurists point out, 'refers precisely to the fact that Brazil has not assured Lula the right to a fair, impartial and independent trial (Article 25 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights), with no body of the Republic being able to undertake acts that jeopardize the effectiveness of the future trial of that international entity to which the country voluntarily linked and was forced to follow its determinations.'