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**Brazilian Ruling Coalition Party Abandons Rousseff Government**

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“We don’t see a goal in the country’s situation,” said Pereira after releasing a controversial audiotape of a phone conversation suggesting that Rousseff tried to impede the potential arrest of her predecessor and political mentor Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who is under investigation for alleged corruption, sending him the document regarding appointing him presidential chief of staff for him to use “if needed.”

If Lula were to be appointed a government minister, he would receive privileged legal status and only be able to be tried by the Supreme Court

Taping the phone conversation between Rousseff and Lula was authorized by Judge Sergio Moro, who is investigating the possible participation of the latter in the corruption scandal surrounding the state-run Petrobras oil company.