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Re: Support for nomination of Alysson Paolinelli for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize

Dear Sir,

I am honored to declare the support of FRENTE PARLAMENTAR DO COOPERATIVISMO (FRENCOOP), which I represent, for the initiative led by ESALQ/USP to nominate Alysson Paolinelli for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize.

Please forward this letter of support to the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

Alysson Paolinelli was born in Bambuí (MG), Brazil, in 1936, and has dedicated his life to study and improve agriculture. He was the founder of the Brazilian Agricultural Research Company (Embrapa) in the late 1960s and is one of the most respected personalities in the agricultural and food security sectors worldwide. In 2006 he was awarded the World Food Prize, an honour that is equivalent to the Nobel Prize for Food.

According to a report by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UN/FAO - 2020), 690 million people are currently dealing with food shortages worldwide. This indicates an indisputable truth: There is only peace without hunger. Humanity's challenge in the 21st century has been to make quality production compatible with preservation and technology will definitely help in finding the answer to this challenge. Paolinelli was at the forefront of this technological process, through important innovations in agriculture, with a focus on the preservation of natural resources. The pandemic came and reinforced the necessity of discussing these issues and opened two windows of opportunity for food security and sustainability. Thinking about sustainable development is no longer an alternative, it is a necessity, and Alysson Paolinelli represents that path moving forward.

A profile of our organization is outlined below:

1. Name: Frente Parlamentar do Cooperativismo (Frencoop).
2. Activities: representation of co-op interests in the Legislative and Executive contexts.
3. Number of members: 268 deputies and 38 senators.

Yours faithfull,



Congressman Evair Vieira de Melo
Frencoop's President