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1. Presentation

In this report of activities, we seek to present in a clear and objective way the advances and challenges that the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights has faced in these initiatives to promote and protect fundamental rights. Our work has been guided by an ongoing commitment to social justice, equality and respect for human dignity, reflecting the need for constant and rigorous monitoring of issues and public policies related to human rights.

Despite the progress made, challenges persist and continue to demand ongoing efforts. Social inequalities still represent one of the biggest obstacles, with economic and educational disparities and barriers to health care that undermine the full enjoyment of rights by historically marginalized groups, such as women, Black people, Indigenous people and people with disabilities. In addition, violence and discrimination remain serious barriers to the full exercise of citizenship, negatively affecting the right to freedom, safety and the integrity of many social groups. Freedom of speech, a key element of a democratic society, is also threatened by hate speech, the repression of journalists and human rights defenders, which jeopardizes the transparency and pluralism that are fundamental to democracy. Furthermore, climate change has had serious impacts on human rights, especially with regard to the right to a healthy environment, health and life, disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable people.



Ongoing monitoring of these issues has been essential for developing effective strategies to address these challenges. Through regular monitoring, we seek to identify new emerging needs, review existing public policies and conduct regular assessments of their effectiveness. The focus has been on developing initiatives that ensure more protection and opportunities for the most vulnerable groups, and to promote education and raise awareness about the importance of human rights in all sectors of society.

Our commitment to promoting and protecting human rights is reflected in our willingness to face adversity with determination. The Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights is committed to promoting social inclusion, creating conditions so that marginalized groups can access their basic rights, such as health care, education, work and safety. At the same time, it works to strengthen citizen participation, encouraging society to actively engage in issues that affect their lives, ensuring greater representation and a stronger voice for citizens. Building a culture of peace and respect is another priority, with actions to promote harmonious coexistence, solidarity and respect for diversity.

Therefore, this report not only reflects the activities performed, but also reaffirms our institution's commitment to human rights. We know the road ahead is challenging, but we believe that through hard work, collaboration, and training, it is possible to make progress toward building a more just, equal, and respectful society. Our determination to continue this fight remains unwavering, because we believe that the promotion of human rights is essential to ensuring a future of dignity, freedom, and justice for all.

2. Introduction



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On May 25, 2024, a new administration took office at the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights, an agency whose role is to protect the human rights established in the Federal Constitution and in international human rights treaties. Nicolao Dino was appointed by the Prosecutor General of the Republic, with the approval of the Superior Council of the MPF, to serve as Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights for the 2024–2026 term.

The Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights is headquartered in the Office of the Prosecutor General, in Brasília, and has branches in all units of the Federal Prosecution Service bringing together the Operational Support Centers to the Office of the Regional Ombudsmen for Citizen's Rights (NAOPs), in the six judicial districts; the Offices of the Regional Ombudsmen for Citizen's Rights (PRDCs), in the 26 states and the Federal District; and the Offices of Federal Prosecution in the municipalities.



Paulo Gonet and Nicolao Dino

Former Prosecutors General Roberto Gurgel, Claudio Fonteles and Aristides Junqueira

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The inauguration was attended by former Federal Ombudsmen for Citizen's Rights and Working Group members from the Federal Prosecution Service

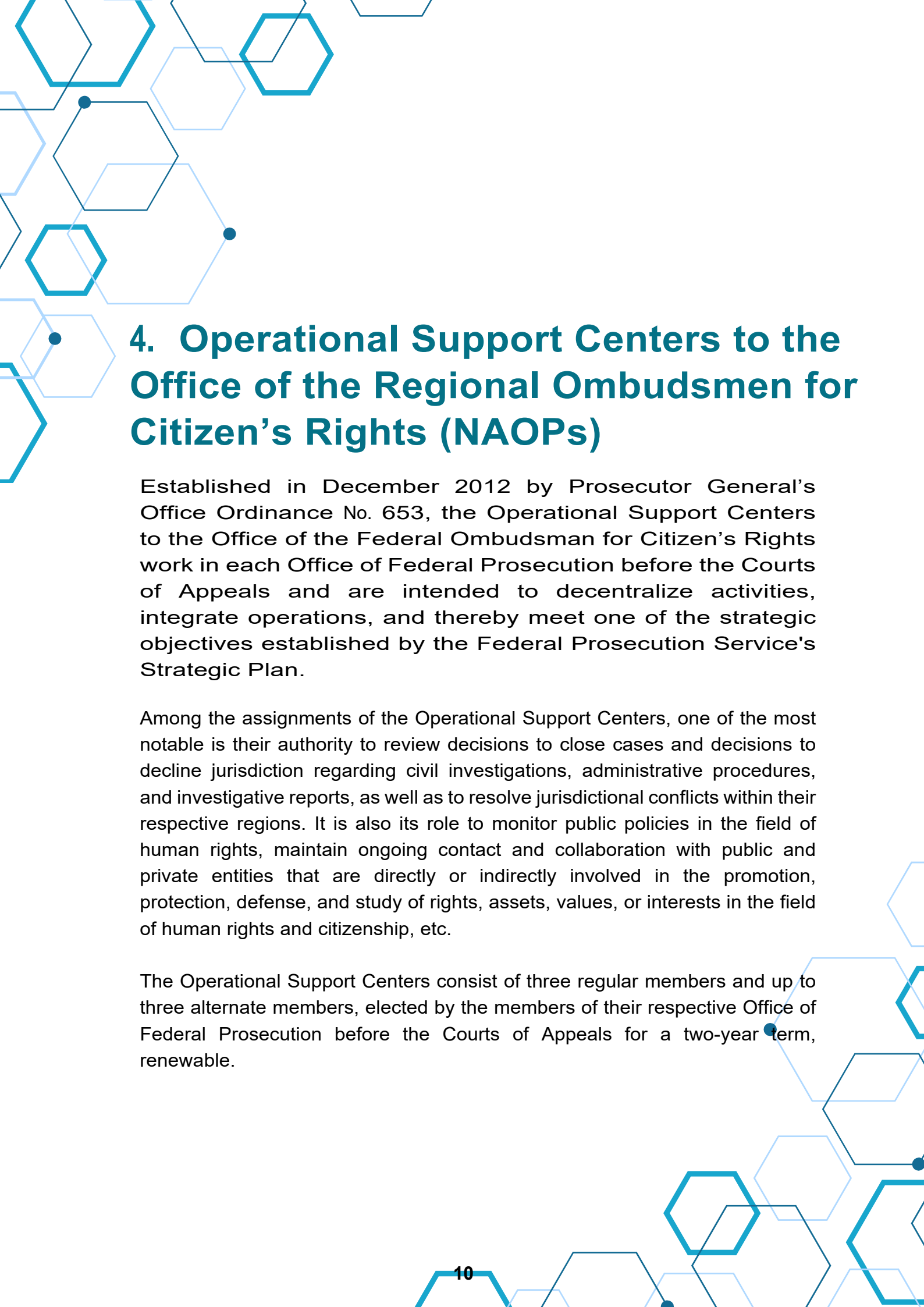


3. Office of the Regional Ombudsmen for Citizen's Rights - PRDCs

Each Brazilian state has an Office of the Regional Ombudsmen for Citizen's Rights (PRDC), in which Regional Citizen's Rights Prosecutors work to defend constitutional rights such as freedom, equality, dignity, health, education, social assistance, accessibility, public safety, the right to information, and freedom of expression, among others.

The Office of the Regional Ombudsmen for Citizen's Rights also receives complaints, which are registered by initiating an administrative procedure and forwarded, when appropriate, to other competent agencies.

Regional Citizen's Rights Prosecutors are appointed by the Prosecutor General after an election process. Current members assigned to and working at the respective unit are eligible to apply. The term lasts two years and may be renewed.



4. Operational Support Centers to the Office of the Regional Ombudsmen for Citizen's Rights (NAOPs)

Established in December 2012 by Prosecutor General's Office Ordinance No. 653, the Operational Support Centers to the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights work in each Office of Federal Prosecution before the Courts of Appeals and are intended to decentralize activities, integrate operations, and thereby meet one of the strategic objectives established by the Federal Prosecution Service's Strategic Plan.

Among the assignments of the Operational Support Centers, one of the most notable is their authority to review decisions to close cases and decisions to decline jurisdiction regarding civil investigations, administrative procedures, and investigative reports, as well as to resolve jurisdictional conflicts within their respective regions. It is also its role to monitor public policies in the field of human rights, maintain ongoing contact and collaboration with public and private entities that are directly or indirectly involved in the promotion, protection, defense, and study of rights, assets, values, or interests in the field of human rights and citizenship, etc.

The Operational Support Centers consist of three regular members and up to three alternate members, elected by the members of their respective Office of Federal Prosecution before the Courts of Appeals for a two-year term, renewable.

5. Activities of Working Groups (WG) and Thematic Reports (TR)

Working groups and thematic reports assist the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights in coordination initiatives to promote and protect human rights in the country.

Through Ordinance No.33, dated June 13, 2024, the priority areas of focus for the two-year period were established, as well as the new working groups and thematic reports. Subsequently, on October 4, through the Office of the Regional Ombudsmen for Citizen's Rights Ordinance No. 60/2024, a group was also established to address the issues of citizenship and public safety, as follows:

Activities of Working Groups (WG) and Thematic Reports (TR) 2024-2026	
WG1	Combating Racism and Promoting Racial Equality
WG2	Land Reform and Land Conflicts
WG3	Preventing and Combating Torture
WG4	Migration, Shelter and Human Trafficking
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WG	Memory, Truth and Defense of Democracy
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WG	Gender Equality
WG10	Liberties: Consciousness, Beliefs and Expression
WG11	Health
WG12	Human Rights and Companies
WG13	Citizenship and Public Safety
TR 1	Social Security and Homeless Population
TR 2	Children and adolescents: protection of rights
TR 3	Elderly Population: Protection of Rights

In this regard, this report summarizes the activities of 2024, intended to set out the themes and composition of the working groups (WGs) and thematic reports (TRs), which provide technical analysis to support the work of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights. It also sets out the work that has been done, as well as other initiatives promoted to defend democracy and human rights.

6. Policy Tools of Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights

Among the policy tools of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights are the submission of official letters, recommendations, petitions, technical notes, and public statements. The documents signed during the year are listed below. On the website www.mpf.mp.br/pfdc it is possible to find the full text of the documents, as well as other initiatives promoted during that period.

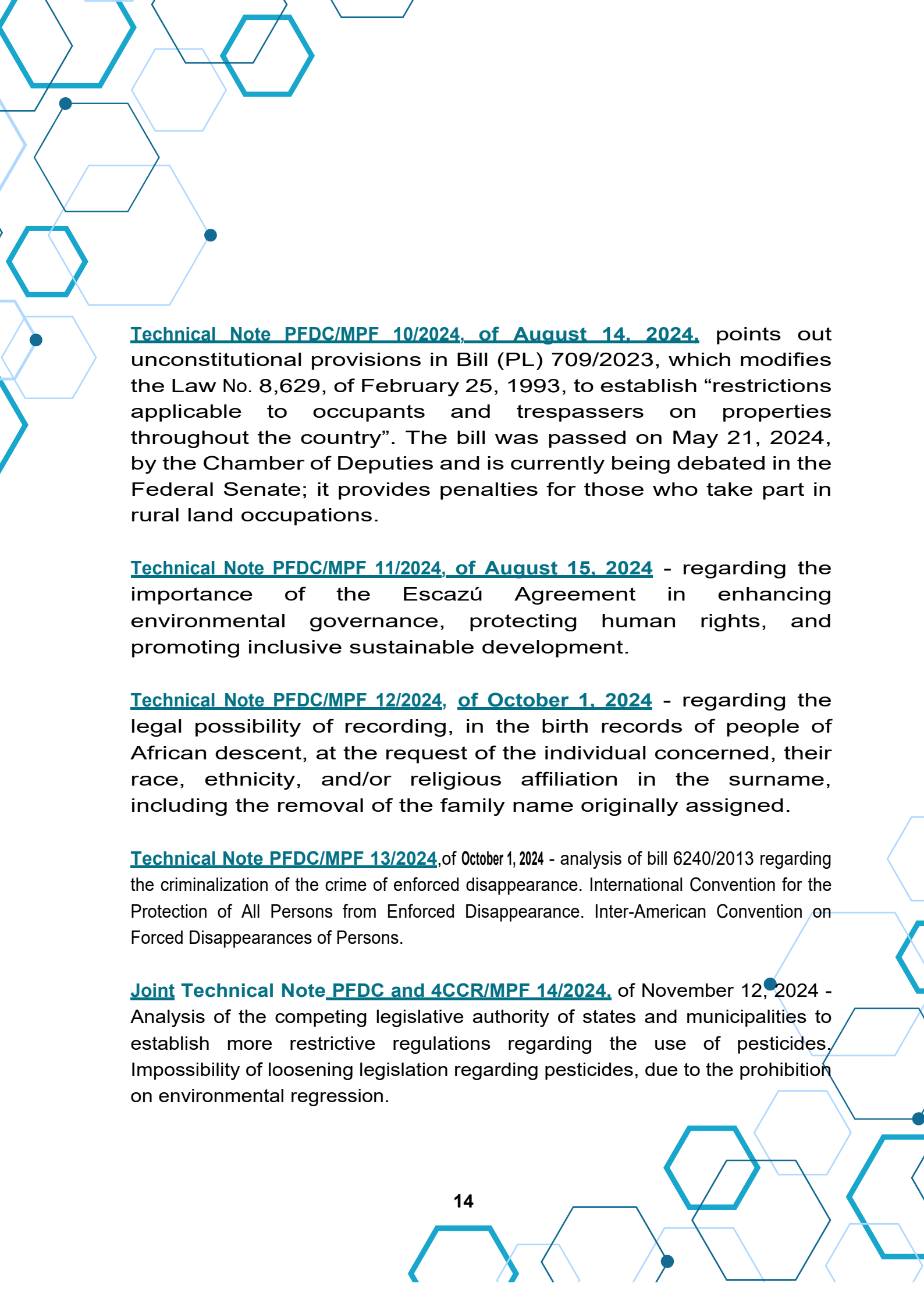
6.1 Technical Notes

Technical Note PFDC/MPF 1/2024, of January 16, 2024 - advocates for the implementation of quotas for transgender people in universities and civil service exams.

Technical Note PFDC/MPF 2/2024, of March 6, 2024- Public Prosecution Service protocol for taking action with a gender perspective in cases of human rights violations by companies.

Technical Note PFDC/MPF 3/2024, of April 15, 2024- expresses concern about the rising violence in rural areas and the methods used by organizations such as the one known as "Invasão Zero", or Zero Intrusion.

Technical Note PFDC/MPF 4/2024, of May 7, 2024- regarding the presidential veto of Article 185 of Brazilian Congress Bill (PLN) No. 4/2023, which concerns the Federal Budget Guidelines Law (LDO).



[Technical Note PFDC/MPF 10/2024, of August 14, 2024](#), points out unconstitutional provisions in Bill (PL) 709/2023, which modifies the Law No. 8,629, of February 25, 1993, to establish “restrictions applicable to occupants and trespassers on properties throughout the country”. The bill was passed on May 21, 2024, by the Chamber of Deputies and is currently being debated in the Federal Senate; it provides penalties for those who take part in rural land occupations.

[Technical Note PFDC/MPF 11/2024, of August 15, 2024](#) - regarding the importance of the Escazú Agreement in enhancing environmental governance, protecting human rights, and promoting inclusive sustainable development.

[Technical Note PFDC/MPF 12/2024, of October 1, 2024](#) - regarding the legal possibility of recording, in the birth records of people of African descent, at the request of the individual concerned, their race, ethnicity, and/or religious affiliation in the surname, including the removal of the family name originally assigned.

[Technical Note PFDC/MPF 13/2024, of October 1, 2024](#) - analysis of bill 6240/2013 regarding the criminalization of the crime of enforced disappearance. International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearances of Persons.

[Joint Technical Note PFDC and 4CCR/MPF 14/2024](#), of November 12, 2024 - Analysis of the competing legislative authority of states and municipalities to establish more restrictive regulations regarding the use of pesticides. Impossibility of loosening legislation regarding pesticides, due to the prohibition on environmental regression.

Technical Note PFDC/MPF 15/2024, of November 12, 2024 - Analysis of Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 18/2011, which seeks to revise subsection XXXIII of Article 7 of the Federal Constitution, to authorize part-time work starting at age fourteen.

Joint Technical Note PFDC and 6 CCR/MPF 16/2024, of November 21, 2024 - regarding the suspension of Preliminary Injunction No. 3518/PA. Analysis of the situation of the Xikrin indigenous group in view of the preliminary injunction issued in the judgment in the case of interlocutory appeal No. 0809972-57.2024.8.14.0000, of the Court of Justice of the State of Pará. A major violation of the inalienable rights of indigenous peoples. A threat to public order and public health. Lack of competence of the agency.

6.2 Public Notes

Public Note 1/2024/PFDC/MPF, of January 22, 2024 - reaffirms the Public Prosecution Service's commitment to effectively combating religious intolerance and religious racism, calling on the Brazilian government to take effective measures to protect, defend, and promote freedom of conscience, belief, worship, and religious practice, as well as religious pluralism and Brazil's cultural diversity

Public Note 2/2024/PFDC/MPF, of March 27, 2024 - Marks the 60th anniversary of the military dictatorship in Brazil and emphasizes the need to prosecute and hold those responsible for crimes committed during that period

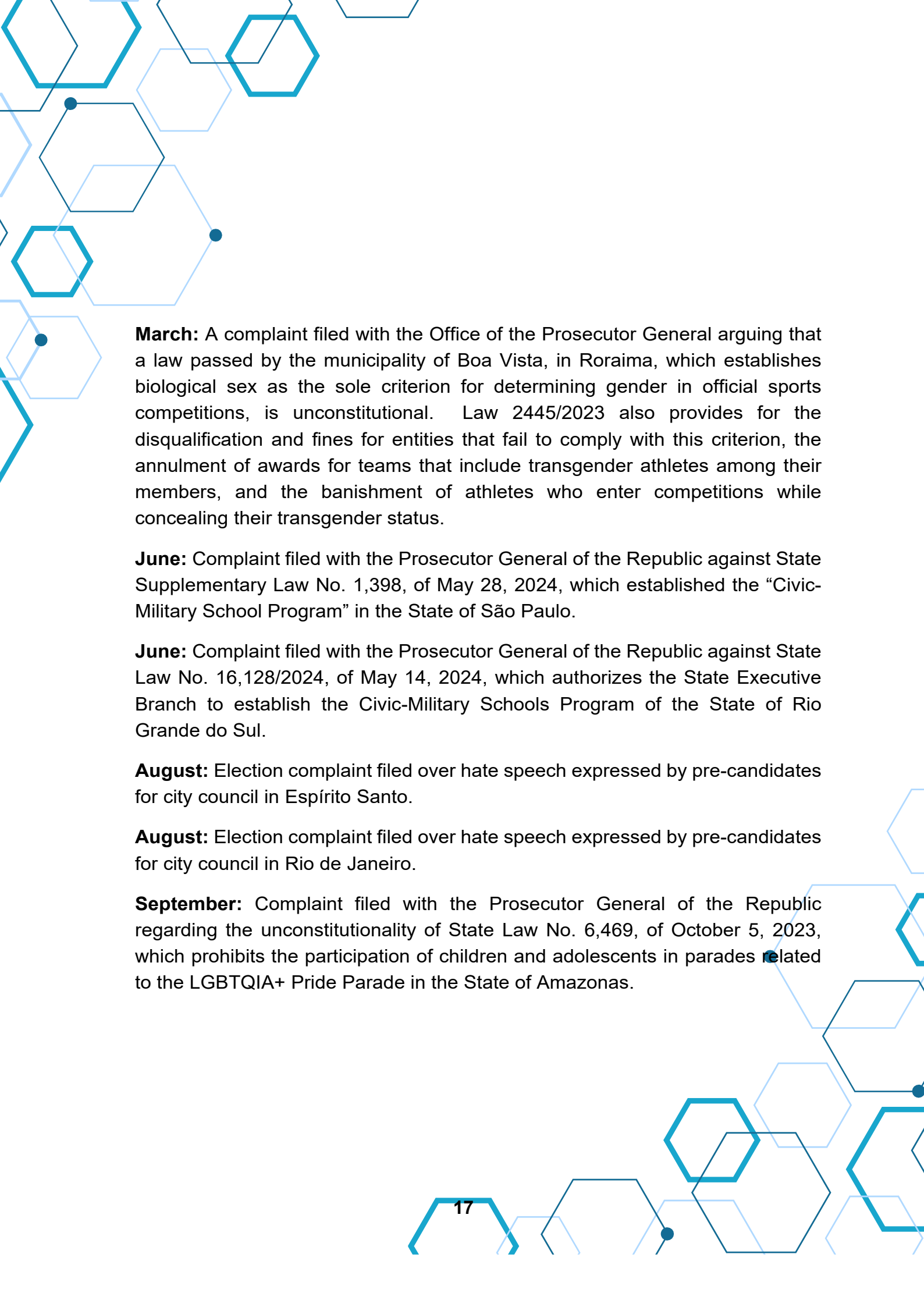
6.2 Recommendations

September - Recommends that the Secretariat for Continuing Education, Youth and Adult Literacy, Diversity, and Inclusion of the Ministry of Education include the “Next Minute Law” in the thematic booklet on combating violence against women, intended for education professionals, along with guidelines for its dissemination and implementation.

October - Analysis of the situation of shelter seekers in Brazil. Migrant flow, with arrivals via André Franco Montoro International Airport in Guarulhos, São Paulo. Unjustified restrictions on the right to apply for refugee-status recognition. The illegality of Technical Note No. 18/2024 issued by the Department of Migration of the Ministry of Justice and Public Security. Violation of human dignity. The joint responsibility of airlines, federal airport infrastructure operators, and the Brazilian government.

6.3 Representations

March: A complaint submitted to the Prosecutor General of the Republic, signed by the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen’s Rights and by the chairs of the working groups “Women, Children, Adolescents, and the Elderly: Protection of Rights” and “Liberties: Conscience, Belief, and Expression”, pointing out the unconstitutionality of a regulation that excludes a protocol for the protection of women at religious events (Law 14,786/2023, Art. 2, sole paragraph).



March: A complaint filed with the Office of the Prosecutor General arguing that a law passed by the municipality of Boa Vista, in Roraima, which establishes biological sex as the sole criterion for determining gender in official sports competitions, is unconstitutional. Law 2445/2023 also provides for the disqualification and fines for entities that fail to comply with this criterion, the annulment of awards for teams that include transgender athletes among their members, and the banishment of athletes who enter competitions while concealing their transgender status.

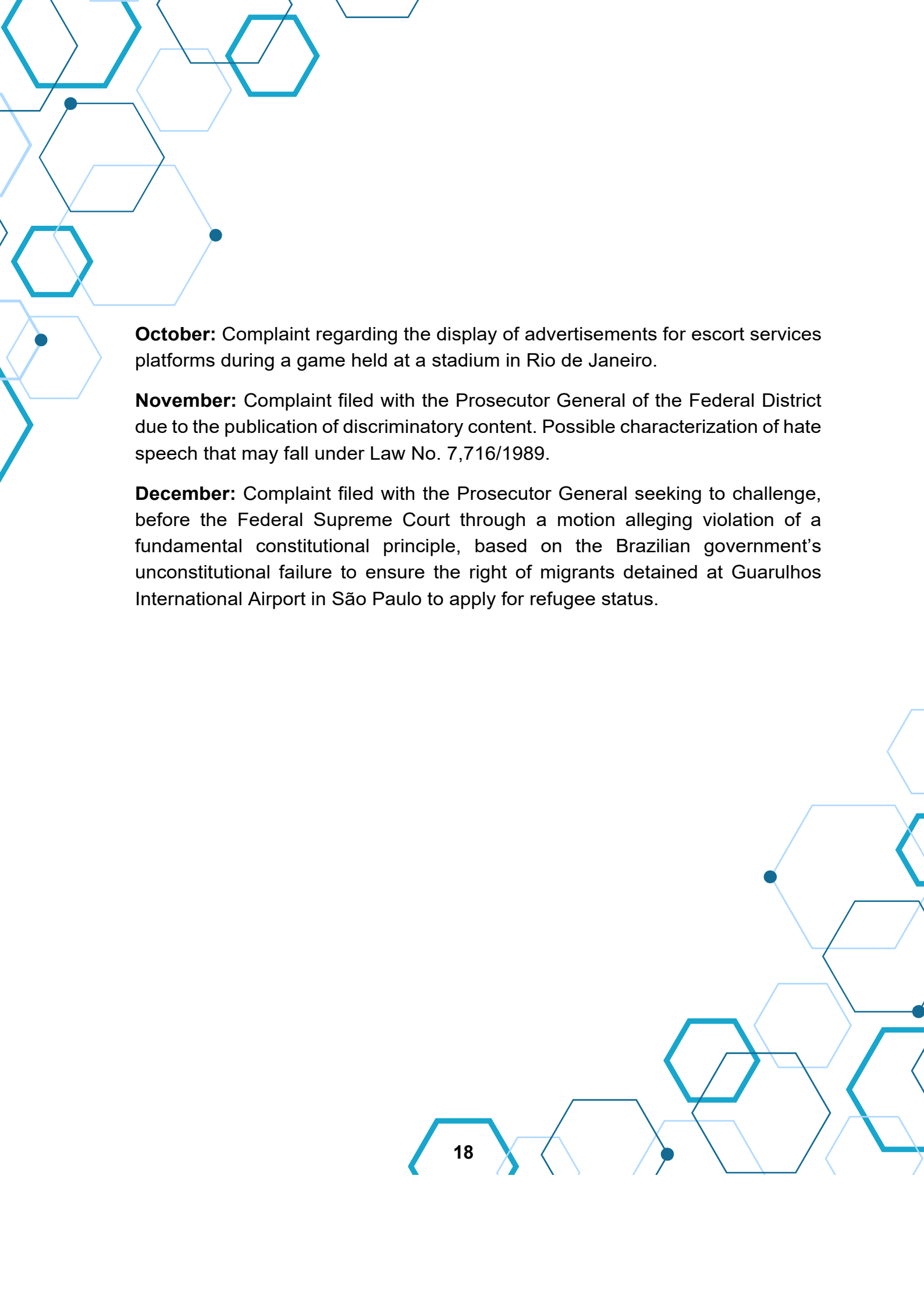
June: Complaint filed with the Prosecutor General of the Republic against State Supplementary Law No. 1,398, of May 28, 2024, which established the “Civic-Military School Program” in the State of São Paulo.

June: Complaint filed with the Prosecutor General of the Republic against State Law No. 16,128/2024, of May 14, 2024, which authorizes the State Executive Branch to establish the Civic-Military Schools Program of the State of Rio Grande do Sul.

August: Election complaint filed over hate speech expressed by pre-candidates for city council in Espírito Santo.

August: Election complaint filed over hate speech expressed by pre-candidates for city council in Rio de Janeiro.

September: Complaint filed with the Prosecutor General of the Republic regarding the unconstitutionality of State Law No. 6,469, of October 5, 2023, which prohibits the participation of children and adolescents in parades related to the LGBTQIA+ Pride Parade in the State of Amazonas.



October: Complaint regarding the display of advertisements for escort services platforms during a game held at a stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

November: Complaint filed with the Prosecutor General of the Federal District due to the publication of discriminatory content. Possible characterization of hate speech that may fall under Law No. 7,716/1989.

December: Complaint filed with the Prosecutor General seeking to challenge, before the Federal Supreme Court through a motion alleging violation of a fundamental constitutional principle, based on the Brazilian government's unconstitutional failure to ensure the right of migrants detained at Guarulhos International Airport in São Paulo to apply for refugee status.

7. Coordinated initiatives

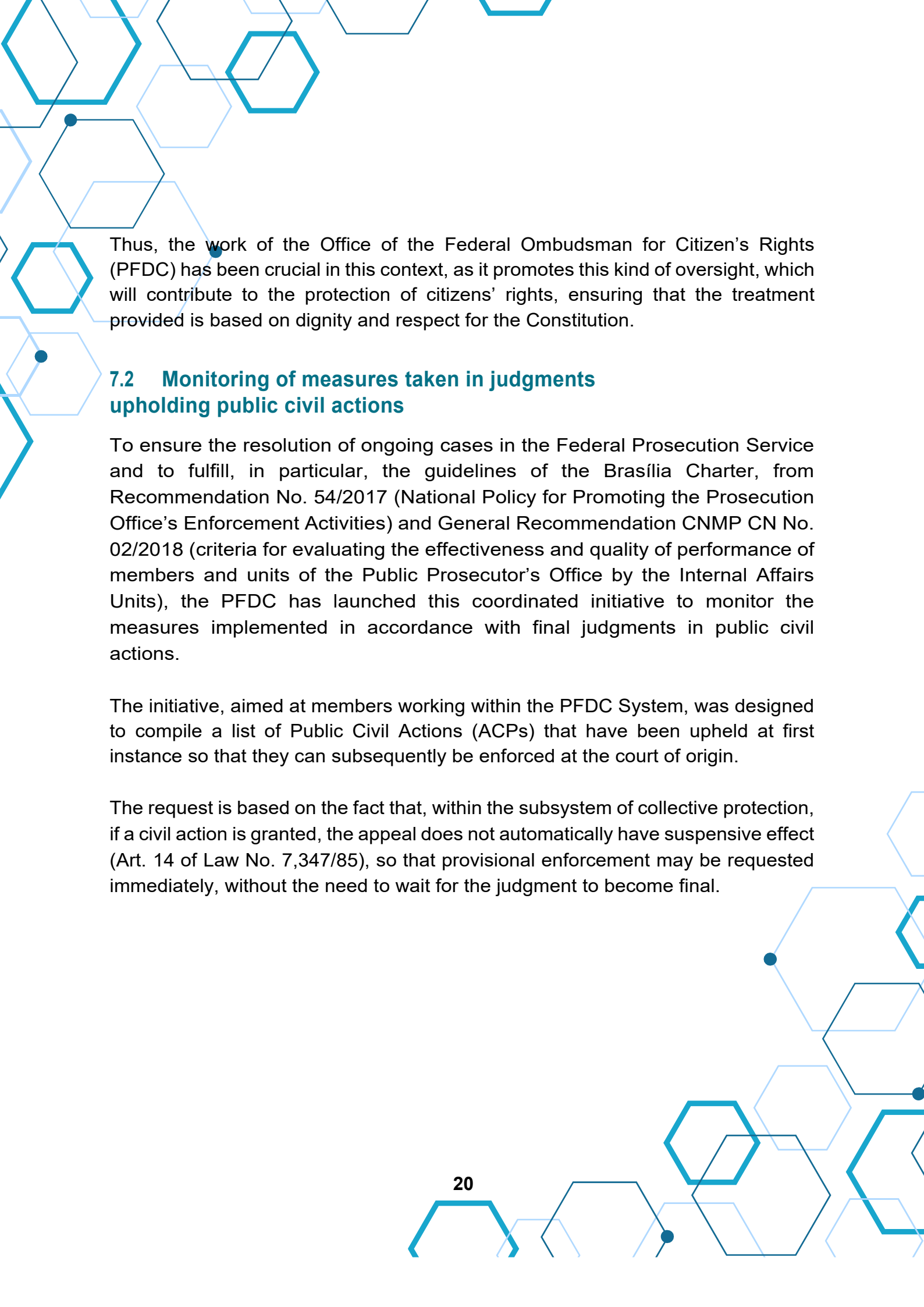
The Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights has been encouraging federal prosecutors across the country to demand solutions from public and private officials on issues related to human rights. Three coordinated initiatives were launched in 2024.

7.1 National Inspection of Therapeutic Communities



The year 2024 was also devoted to planning and conducting a nationwide inspection of therapeutic communities across the country. Conducting this country-wide inspection of therapeutic communities is essential to assess whether the conditions in these institutions comply with human rights standards and the guidelines established for the treatment of vulnerable individuals.

The joint efforts of the Office of the Federal Ombudsman and the Labor Prosecution Service (MPT) have been essential in identifying abusive practices and addressing issues in therapeutic communities. In its role as a defender of labor and social rights, the MPT may take action in cases involving labor exploitation, working conditions akin to slavery, or discrimination against employees at these facilities. Furthermore, this partnership is essential to ensure that human rights violations are effectively addressed and that the complaints of victims of abuse are investigated fairly. In this regard, nationwide oversight is essential to ensure that therapeutic communities fulfill their intended purpose by promoting dignified care and the social reintegration of vulnerable individuals without perpetuating abuse and neglect.



Thus, the work of the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights (PFDC) has been crucial in this context, as it promotes this kind of oversight, which will contribute to the protection of citizens' rights, ensuring that the treatment provided is based on dignity and respect for the Constitution.

7.2 Monitoring of measures taken in judgments upholding public civil actions

To ensure the resolution of ongoing cases in the Federal Prosecution Service and to fulfill, in particular, the guidelines of the Brasília Charter, from Recommendation No. 54/2017 (National Policy for Promoting the Prosecution Office's Enforcement Activities) and General Recommendation CNMP CN No. 02/2018 (criteria for evaluating the effectiveness and quality of performance of members and units of the Public Prosecutor's Office by the Internal Affairs Units), the PFDC has launched this coordinated initiative to monitor the measures implemented in accordance with final judgments in public civil actions.

The initiative, aimed at members working within the PFDC System, was designed to compile a list of Public Civil Actions (ACPs) that have been upheld at first instance so that they can subsequently be enforced at the court of origin.

The request is based on the fact that, within the subsystem of collective protection, if a civil action is granted, the appeal does not automatically have suspensive effect (Art. 14 of Law No. 7,347/85), so that provisional enforcement may be requested immediately, without the need to wait for the judgment to become final.

7.3 Monitoring of international decisions

The project involves analyzing compliance with judgments issued by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights through detailed, focused research on specific cases, as well as the systematic mapping of cases and organization of documentation. Compliance with international decisions is essential to demonstrate Brazil's commitment and credibility as a country that follows international human rights standards and incorporates the principles and guidelines of the American Convention on Human Rights into its legal system.

At the PFDC National Meeting, held on October 16 and 17, the project was presented and the importance of disseminating the model and encouraging its adoption throughout the country was highlighted.

8. International activities

At the international level, the PFDC has sought to strengthen ties with various institutions in order to promote training and the exchange of information and best practices on human rights.

To that end, it has monitored meetings of international organizations and institutions involved in defending and ensuring human rights, and in particular, the regular meetings of the following regional human rights networks and forums:

- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR); Ibero-
- American Federation of Ombudsmen (FIO);
- Network of Ombudsmen, National Human Rights Commissions, and other National Human Rights Institutions of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP Human Rights Network);
- Latin American Network for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities (AIPG); and
- Committee on Monitoring and Action for the Implementation of International Human Rights Obligations (COI) of the National Human Rights Council (CNDH).



Latin American Network for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities (AIPG)



Committee on Monitoring and Action for the Implementation of International Human Rights Obligations

In April, the PFDC met with the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders. At the meeting, topics such as the PFDC's activities were discussed, particularly in regard to Public Civil Action No. 500594 - 05.2017.4.04.7100/RS (filed by the Federal Prosecution Service to address the federal government's failure to have the Special Secretariat for Human Rights draft the National Plan for the Defense of Human Rights, as provided for in Article 2 of Decree No. 6,044/2007); the establishment of the Salles Pimenta Technical Working Group, following the outcome of the aforementioned lawsuit and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights' ruling against Brazil regarding the murder of Gabriel Salles Pimenta, a human rights defender murdered in 1982; and the attempt to implement the National Plan for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders. According to information available on the Federal Government's website, the Salles Pimenta Technical Working Group¹ drafted proposals for the Policy and the National Plan for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Journalists, and Environmentalists, and the documents were presented on December 12, 2024, marking the conclusion of the Group's work.

In August, the PFDC hosted the regional representative for South America from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). During the meeting, participants discussed ways to work together on issues related to the protection and promotion of human rights.

In September, a meeting was held with the UN Special Rapporteurs on Climate Change and on the Environment and Human Rights. The meeting addressed, among other issues, the climate emergency currently affecting Brazil and the actions taken by the Federal Prosecution Service (MPF) in response to the wildfires and, previously, the floods in Rio Grande do Sul.



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The PFDC also monitors international acts, regulations, decisions, and recommendations issued by the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights. In practice, this work consists of continuously updating a database compiled from international documents issued by international human rights protection organizations that have been addressed to the Brazilian government through the mechanisms that make up the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights, from the recommendations issued by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) —the organization responsible for monitoring the conventions to which Brazil is a State Party—to the judgments handed down by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR Court). This compilation makes it possible to track and monitor Brazil’s compliance with its international obligations.

Another highlight of our international activities was the seminar titled “Systems for Monitoring International Human Rights Obligations: Global and Inter-American Systems”, in partnership with the MPU School for Higher Studies (ESMPU) and the Brazil Universal Periodic Review Collective (RPU Brasil). Held in person on November 7 and 8 at ESMPU in Brasília, the seminar aimed to foster discussions on the international human rights obligations assumed or imposed on the Brazilian government, as well as the challenges involved in monitoring and implementing them.



The Establishment of the National Mechanism for Monitoring Compliance with International Human Rights Obligations (PFDC Ordinance No. 73/2024) is directly in line with the commitments made by Brazil during the 4th Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), held in November 2022 at the UN Human Rights Council. At that time, the country received more than 300 recommendations from member states, reinforcing the need for structured systems to monitor their implementation. This set of obligations has become a major challenge in terms of monitoring and implementation.

In December, the PFDC issued Ordinance No. 73/2024, a regulatory act that established the National Mechanism for Monitoring Compliance with International Human Rights Obligations within the organization.

The Mechanism's primary purpose is to take the necessary steps to track and monitor international acts, regulations, decisions, and recommendations issued by the United Nations (the global human rights protection system) and the Organization of American States (the inter-American human rights protection system) that are directed at Brazil; as well as tracking and monitoring the measures adopted by the Federal Prosecution Service to ensure that the Brazilian government complies with the aforementioned rulings.

In addition, the PFDC also ensured participation in the following events:

- Closing Ceremony of Angola's Presidency of the CPLP Network - Lisbon, Portugal (March 13–17 – in-person event);
- 9th BRICS Legal Forum – Moscow, Russia (September 19, 2024 – via videoconference);
- 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Ombudsman in Portugal - Lisbon, Portugal (September 26–27, 2024 – in-person event);
- 8th International Conference on Human Rights: Theory and Practice – Moscow, Russia (October 11, 2024 – via videoconference);
- 29th General Assembly and 28th Congress of the Ibero-American Federation of Ombudsmen (FIO) – Asunción, Paraguay (October 29–31, 2024 – in-person event);
- 13th UN Global Forum on Business and Human Rights – Geneva, Switzerland (November 25–27, 2024– in-person event)



9. Communication with the Community and Promotion of Citizenship

In June 2024, following an internal restructuring of the PFDC, the Office of Social Coordination of the Federal Prosecutor's Office for Citizens' Rights (ASSAS/PFDC) was established, with the goal of promoting closer interaction with civil society and government on issues related to human rights.

In June, the PFDC launched an investigation into alleged violations of constitutional and legal rights that guarantee the inclusion of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in private health insurance plans. The Federal District Public Defender's Office received 300 complaints regarding unilateral contract cancellations and service refusals by service providers between January and April 2024. To that end, the PFDC coordinated with the Federal Public Defender's Office and the Brazilian Institute for Consumer Protection (IDEC) to take joint action on behalf of affected consumers.

At a public hearing of the Health Committee in the Chamber of Deputies on November 14, the PFDC stated that the MPF and other regulatory and oversight agencies have received numerous complaints regarding the unilateral termination of health care service contracts, a practice that, according to the PFDC, has become systematic, putting consumers in a vulnerable position.

Photo: Chamber of Deputies

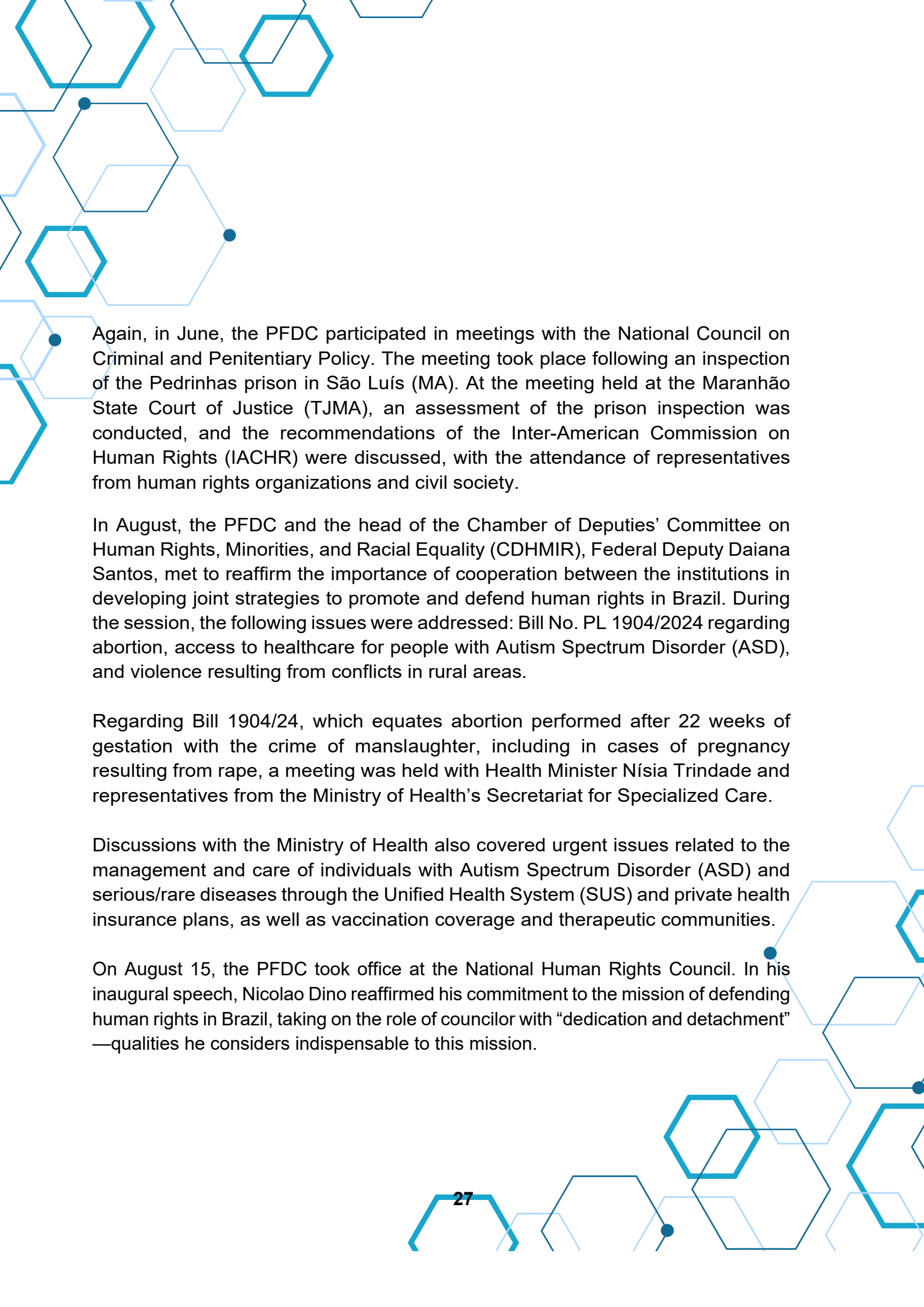


Dr. Nicolao Dino's Participation in a Public Hearing of the Health Committee in the Chamber of Deputies

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Meeting with representatives of civil society and family members of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to discuss the care provided by private health insurance plans to this population



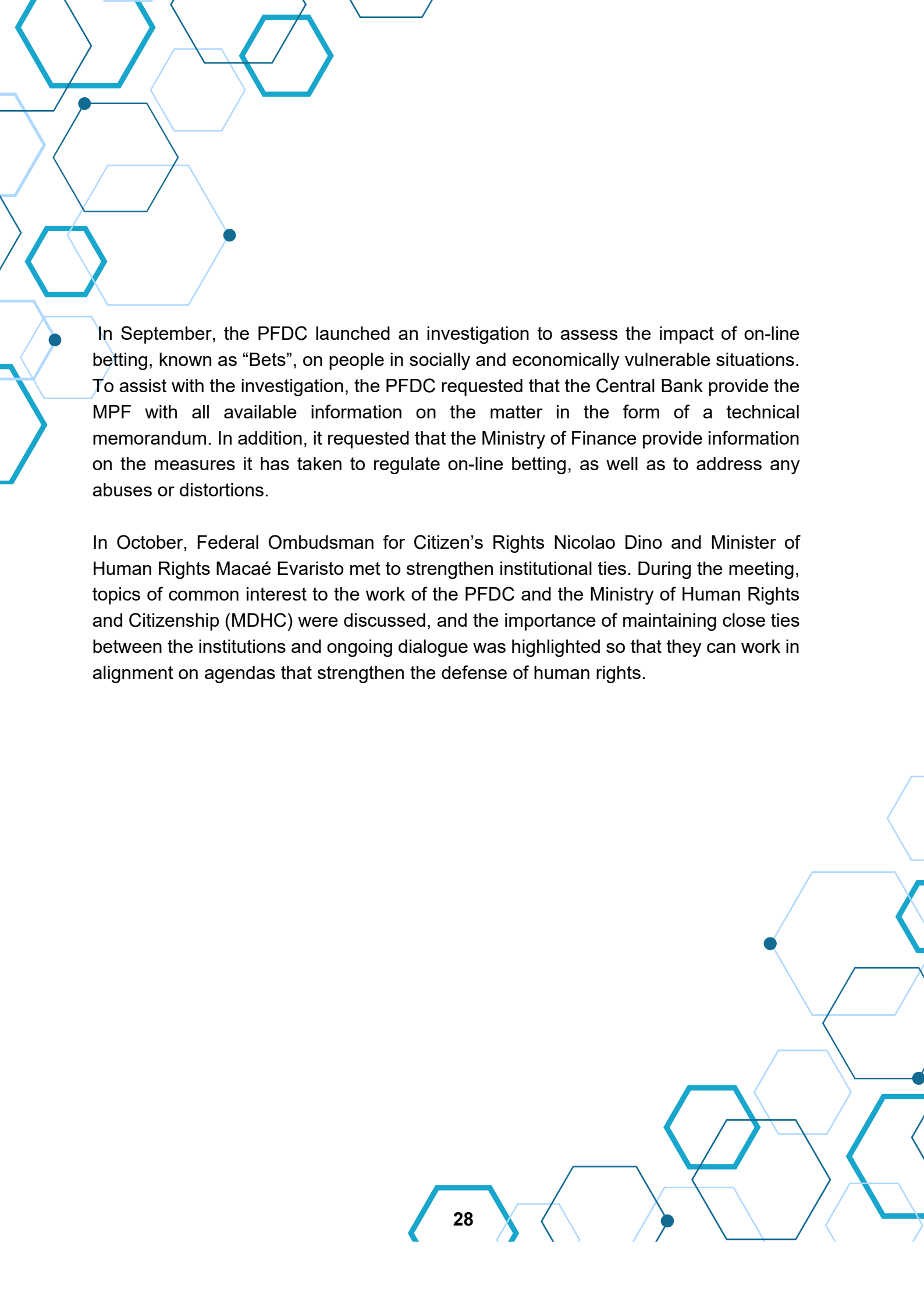
Again, in June, the PFDC participated in meetings with the National Council on Criminal and Penitentiary Policy. The meeting took place following an inspection of the Pedrinhas prison in São Luís (MA). At the meeting held at the Maranhão State Court of Justice (TJMA), an assessment of the prison inspection was conducted, and the recommendations of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) were discussed, with the attendance of representatives from human rights organizations and civil society.

In August, the PFDC and the head of the Chamber of Deputies' Committee on Human Rights, Minorities, and Racial Equality (CDHMIR), Federal Deputy Daiana Santos, met to reaffirm the importance of cooperation between the institutions in developing joint strategies to promote and defend human rights in Brazil. During the session, the following issues were addressed: Bill No. PL 1904/2024 regarding abortion, access to healthcare for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and violence resulting from conflicts in rural areas.

Regarding Bill 1904/24, which equates abortion performed after 22 weeks of gestation with the crime of manslaughter, including in cases of pregnancy resulting from rape, a meeting was held with Health Minister Nísia Trindade and representatives from the Ministry of Health's Secretariat for Specialized Care.

Discussions with the Ministry of Health also covered urgent issues related to the management and care of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and serious/rare diseases through the Unified Health System (SUS) and private health insurance plans, as well as vaccination coverage and therapeutic communities.

On August 15, the PFDC took office at the National Human Rights Council. In his inaugural speech, Nicolao Dino reaffirmed his commitment to the mission of defending human rights in Brazil, taking on the role of councilor with "dedication and detachment"—qualities he considers indispensable to this mission.



In September, the PFDC launched an investigation to assess the impact of on-line betting, known as “Bets”, on people in socially and economically vulnerable situations. To assist with the investigation, the PFDC requested that the Central Bank provide the MPF with all available information on the matter in the form of a technical memorandum. In addition, it requested that the Ministry of Finance provide information on the measures it has taken to regulate on-line betting, as well as to address any abuses or distortions.

In October, Federal Ombudsman for Citizen’s Rights Nicolao Dino and Minister of Human Rights Macaé Evaristo met to strengthen institutional ties. During the meeting, topics of common interest to the work of the PFDC and the Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship (MDHC) were discussed, and the importance of maintaining close ties between the institutions and ongoing dialogue was highlighted so that they can work in alignment on agendas that strengthen the defense of human rights.

Also in October, with the aim of strengthening ties with civil society movements, the PFDC welcomed members of the Peregum Black Reference Institute. At the meeting, priority issues related to the topic were discussed. One of them is Proposed Constitutional Amendment (PEC) 2/2023, which grants amnesty to political parties that failed to meet gender and racial quotas in the 2022 elections. Another issue identified as urgent is the passage of the Public Service Quota Bill (Bill No. 1,958/2021).

In addition, the PFDC has been attending the meetings of the National Forum for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Labor and the Protection of Adolescents in the Workplace (FNPETI). In this regard, it closely monitors PEC 18/2011, which authorizes adolescents aged 14 and older to enter into part-time employment contracts.

In October, the PFDC also met with representatives of the Alana Institute, a nonprofit civil society organization that works on programs, projects, and partnerships to ensure conditions for the full development of children in their respective living environments.



10. Highlights

10.1 “Territories” Exhibition



Held from August 28 to September 11, 2024, on the third-floor walkway of the PGR, the photo exhibition depicted the lives and struggles of human rights defenders in the Americas.

The event was the result of a partnership between the Federal Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen’s Rights (PFDC) and the Center for Justice and International Law (Cejil).

The work of Fernando Bryce of Peru and Marcelo Brodsky of Argentina feature people who work to protect

land rights, territorial rights, and the environment. The main characters are activists who were murdered in Latin America, including Marielle Franco and Chico Mendes from Brazil, Berta Cáceres from Honduras, Hugo Torres from Nicaragua, and Myrna Mack from Guatemala.

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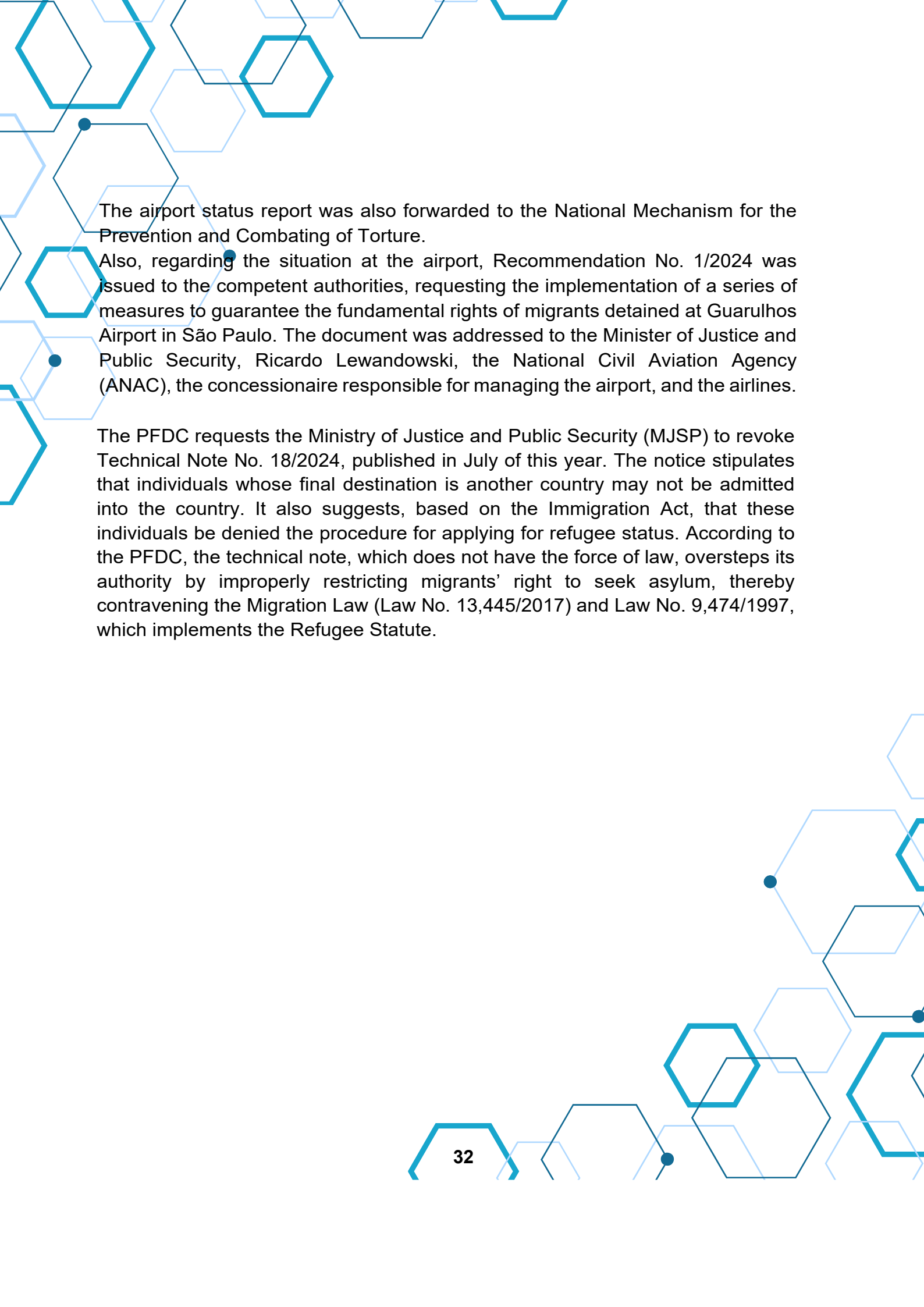
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10.2 Guarulhos Inspection

On October 10, the PFDC conducted a technical inspection to assess the situation of the immigrants being held at Guarulhos Airport. During its visit to the site, the agency found 109 people—including men, women, and children—who had not been granted entry into Brazil and remained in precarious conditions inside the airport. Following the technical inspection, while still at the airport, the Interagency Working Group (GRU) held a meeting, composed of the Federal Prosecution Service (MPF), the Ministry of Justice, the Federal Public Defender's Office, the Municipality of Guarulhos, and the ACNUR. At the time, the importance of a new proposal for the processing of asylum applications was emphasized, with the goal of reducing the waiting time for immigrants in the restricted area. Reports indicate that people have been held for up to 40 days in these unsanitary conditions.





The airport status report was also forwarded to the National Mechanism for the Prevention and Combating of Torture.

Also, regarding the situation at the airport, Recommendation No. 1/2024 was issued to the competent authorities, requesting the implementation of a series of measures to guarantee the fundamental rights of migrants detained at Guarulhos Airport in São Paulo. The document was addressed to the Minister of Justice and Public Security, Ricardo Lewandowski, the National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC), the concessionaire responsible for managing the airport, and the airlines.

The PFDC requests the Ministry of Justice and Public Security (MJSP) to revoke Technical Note No. 18/2024, published in July of this year. The notice stipulates that individuals whose final destination is another country may not be admitted into the country. It also suggests, based on the Immigration Act, that these individuals be denied the procedure for applying for refugee status. According to the PFDC, the technical note, which does not have the force of law, oversteps its authority by improperly restricting migrants' right to seek asylum, thereby contravening the Migration Law (Law No. 13,445/2017) and Law No. 9,474/1997, which implements the Refugee Statute.

10.3 PFDC National Meeting

On October 16 and 17, the PFDC held the National Conference titled “Democracy, Public Policy, and Human Dignity: The Role of the PFDC System”.

The purpose of the meeting was to develop a citizenship agenda for the coming years, so that the Federal Prosecution Service contributes to the development of human rights in Brazil. At the event, members of the PFDC System discussed the prospects and challenges involved in strengthening the fundamental human rights guarantees provided for in the Constitution.

During the panel sessions, participants discussed public policies for the promotion and protection of human rights in Brazil, as well as the role of the legislature in promoting human rights and defending democracy. The topics were presented by Oscar Vilhena, dean of the Getúlio Vargas Foundation (FGV) Law School, and Senator Randolfe Rodrigues, as well as Federal Ombudsman for Citizen’s Rights Nicolao Dino. The challenges and areas of focus for the PFDC-affiliated working groups were also discussed, with a view to sharing information and setting priorities for the 2024–2026 biennium.



National Meeting





10.4 Memorandum of Understanding with the Dhesca Brasil Platform

On December 2, the PFDC and the Platform for Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (Dhesca) signed a memorandum of understanding to enable joint action in monitoring and addressing cases of human rights violations in the country. The document was signed by the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights, Nicolao Dino; the coordinator of Dhesca, Cristiane Ribeiro; and the coordinator of Dhesca Brasil, Gisele Barbieri.

The partnership aims to help Brazil establish a standard of respect for human rights, based on the Federal Constitution, domestic laws, and the international human rights treaties ratified by the country. The agreement provides for the implementation of monitoring mechanisms to ensure that these rights are upheld. To this end, as stated in the memorandum, Dhesca may forward complaints or reports regarding human rights violations to the PFDC so that appropriate action may be taken.



10.5 Statement

With the publication of Statement No. 21, the PFDC instructed members of the Federal Prosecution Service that the racial affirmative action measures for Black people established by Laws No. 12,711/12 and No. 12,990/2014 must benefit exclusively Black and mixed-race individuals, subject to the criteria of self-declaration and hetero-identification, provided that human dignity is respected and the right to a fair hearing and full defense is guaranteed. These affirmative action measures—which reserve spots in civil service exams, federal universities, or federal educational institutions – should not benefit white individuals with darker skin tones, of Asian or Indigenous descent, who may participate in affirmative action policies targeting other groups, in accordance with the relevant regulations.

11. Activities of Working Groups (WGs) and Thematic Reports (TRs)

Check the composition of the Working Groups (WGs) and Thematic Reports (TRs) of the PFDC, as well as their achievements in 2024, on the following pages.

WG 1 – Combating Racism and Promoting Racial Equality

WG 2 – Land Reform and Land Conflicts

WG 3 – Preventing and Combating Torture

WG 4 – Migration, Shelter and Human Trafficking

WG 5 - Human Rights and Education

WG 6 – People with Disabilities

WG 7 – Memory, Truth and Defense of Democracy

WG 8 – LGBTQIA+ Community: Protection of Rights

WG 9 – Gender Equality

WG 10 – Liberties: Consciousness, Beliefs and Expression

WG 11 - Health

WG 12 – Human rights and Companies

TR 1 – Social Safety and Homeless Population

WG 13 – Citizenship and Public Safety



WG 1 - Combating Racism and Promoting Racial Equality

The Working Group on Combating Racism and Promoting Racial Equality focuses on

strengthening public policies aimed at protecting and promoting racial equality, as well as recognizing the social and cultural contributions of the Black population in Brazil. It also works to combat exclusionary or repressive practices or public policies that harm individuals or groups based on their race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, or other related social categories, in addition to making recommendations for improvements in the implementation of the Racial Equality Statute (Law No. 12,288/2010).

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Main Activities

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- JAN** Meeting with the Dis Institute to learn about the health needs of the Black community.
 - APR** Regular meeting of the Working Group on reserving positions for Black individuals in appointed offices and roles.
 - MAY** Sending official letters to the Attorney General and to the President of the National Council of Public Prosecutors, Paulo Gonet, suggesting the adoption, within the Brazilian Public Prosecutor's Office, of an affirmative action policy similar to that provided for in Decree No. 11,443/2023, which establishes the reservation of positions for Black individuals within the quota of appointed positions and positions of trust.
 - Meeting with mothers of young victims of police violence in Rio de Janeiro.
 - JUNE** Meeting between the coordinator and the PFDC.
 - JULY** Regular meeting of the Working Group to discuss the seminar held in November in partnership with ESMPU.
 - OCT** Regular meeting of the Working Group to discuss the seminar held in November in partnership with ESMPU.
 - NOV** Seminar: *“Conversations on Racism” – Between Structural Inconsistencies and Conscious Individuals: Where Do We Stand? “Where Are We Going?”*, which aimed to raise awareness about racism by addressing the issue as a socio-structural phenomenon and a systemic social pathology.



WG 2 - Land Reform and Land Conflicts

The Working Group on Land Reform and Land Conflicts aims to defend the territorial and social rights of rural communities and workers, particularly in situations involving land disputes and land conflicts. The group monitors and provides guidance on public policies related to land reform, seeks to ensure compliance with laws regarding land distribution and land titling, and intervenes in cases of rights violations. Its work also involves supporting the implementation of conflict mediation solutions, with a focus on promoting social justice and respecting the rights of the most vulnerable populations in rural areas.

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Main Activities

FEB

Meeting of the Working Group to address the following topics: Zero Invasion—legal analysis and input from the Working Group; TCU proceedings regarding the decree on family selection; event in Pará.

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Petition (PRM-ROO-MT-00000520/2024) submitted by the Working Group on Land Reform and Land Conflicts via OFFICIAL LETTER No. 96/2024/PFDC/MPF to the Prosecutor General questioning the constitutionality of Law No. 12,430/2024 of the State of Mato Grosso, which established local penalties for trespassers on private rural and urban properties.

Meeting of the Working Group on “Land Reform and Land Conflicts” and Auditors from the Federal Court of Accounts on March 15, 2024, to discuss “Complaint TC 038.970/2023-6, regarding the selection of families for land reform.”

Meeting with Paulo Teixeira, Minister of Agrarian Development and Family Farming, to discuss land issues in the country. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategies for allocating federal public lands to settlements established for land reform. The Federal Prosecution Service (MPF) was represented at the hearing by Federal Prosecutor Julio José Araujo Junior, head of the Land Reform and Land Conflicts Working Group of the PFDC.

PFDC Technical Note No. 3/2024 on “Combating Rural Militias and Defending the Constitution of the Republic”. The note expresses concern about the rising violence in rural areas and the methods employed by organizations such as the one known as Zero Invasion (Invasão Zero). In a document sent to multiple authorities, the PFDC calls on the branches of government to join forces to prevent violent incidents, such as the one that claimed the life of indigenous leader Nega Pataxó, who was murdered during a conflict in January of this year.

APR

Working Group meeting to discuss: "1. Zero Invasion – Legal Analysis and Recommendations by the WG; 2. TCU proceeding regarding a decree on the process of selecting families; 3. Event in Pará. "

JUNE

Meeting with representatives of human rights organizations and traditional communities to discuss violence in rural areas and issues related to land regularization for Quilombola territories in Maranhão. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Agricultural Workers of Maranhão (FETAEMA), the Maranhão Society for Human Rights (SMDH), the State Council for Human Rights (CEDH-MA), the Maranhão Agroecology Network, the Alcântara Rural Workers' Union (STTR), the Alcântara Ethnic Territory Association, and the Pastoral Council for Fishermen.

JULY

Meeting between the PFDC, the Deputy PFDC, the Land Reform Working Group, and the National Agrarian Ombudsman on July 8, 2024, regarding "cooperative actions among the institutions aimed at aligning efforts to combat armed rural militias."

Reestablishment of the work of the Forum on Rights and Combating Violence in Rural Areas. The meeting was attended by representatives of civil society movements and organizations, the Department of Agrarian Conflict Mediation of the Ministry of Agrarian Development and Family Farming, as well as the PFDC itself, which is a member of the collective.

AUG

Technical Note No. 10/2024, in which the PFDC identifies constitutional violations in Bill 709/2023, which provides for penalties against those who take part in rural land occupations. The bill, which was passed in May of this year by the Chamber of Deputies and is currently under consideration in the Senate, proposes amendments to Law 8.629/93 on land reform. The proposal imposes excessive penalties and violates several fundamental rights, including the freedom of expression and the right to assembly and protest.



OCT

The PFDC initiated a procedure to monitor cases of police violence in land disputes and requested information regarding incidents related to Operation “Fortis Status” at the Mutamba Farm in Marabá (PA). The operation carried out by the Pará Civil Police on November 11 resulted in the deaths of two people. In a letter sent to the president of the National Institute of Colonization and Agrarian Reform (INCRA), Federal Prosecutor for Citizens’ Rights Nicolao Dino requests that the agency inform him, within 15 days, whether the Mutamba Farm area is designated for expropriation in the public interest for the purpose of agrarian reform.

Sending an official letter to the governor of Pará, Helder Barbalho, requesting information regarding the actions of the Civil Police or the Military Police in this case, and to the State Public Prosecutor’s Office, requesting that it take the appropriate measures within its jurisdiction. In the documents, the PFDC emphasizes “the need to stabilize the land situation in that region, which is the scene of severe conflicts”. The matter was discussed at the meeting of the Forum on Rights and Combating Violence in Rural Areas.

NOV

Meeting between the PFDC, the Land Reform Working Group, and the Forum for Rights and Combating Violence in Rural Areas on November 14, 2024, to "outline strategies aimed at preventing and addressing violence in rural areas/ Police operation “Fortis Status” carried out at the Mutamba Farm in Marabá on October 11, 2024."

The Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen’s Rights and the Chamber of Environment and Cultural Heritage (4CCR) have published a technical report highlighting the need for stricter regulations on the use of pesticides in Brazil. The analysis reinforces that the flexibility of the rules imposed by Law 14.785/2023—which shortens deadlines and modifies regulations governing the approval, use, and sale of pesticides—jeopardizes public health, the environment, and the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Federal Constitution.



WG 3 - Preventing and Combating Torture

The Working Group on the Prevention and Combating of Torture is guided by the principle of improving the National System for the Prevention and Combating of Torture (SNPCT), particularly regarding the creation and implementation of State Mechanisms for the Prevention and Combating of Torture (MEPCT) in all states.

It is important to note that Brazil has incorporated into its legal system both the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Decree No. 40, of 1991) and the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Decree No. 6,085, of 2007). Among the obligations assumed by the Brazilian State is precisely that of “designating or maintaining at the national level one or more visiting bodies responsible for the prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment (hereinafter referred to as national preventive mechanisms)” (Protocol, Article 3).

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Main Activities

JAN

The PFDC sent Official Letter No. 3/2024/PFDC/MPF to the Minister of State for Human Rights and Citizenship, suggesting that the ministry's website be updated, so that it contains up-to-date information on the National System for the Prevention and Combating of Torture, including data on national, state, and district Committees and Mechanisms, particularly regarding their legal basis (law, decree, ordinance) and how they can be contacted (address, phone number, website, email).

The PFDC sent Circular Letter No. 2/2024/PFDC/MPF to the Regional Prosecutors for Citizen's Rights requesting updated information on the PFDC's coordinated actions aimed at establishing and implementing State Committees and Mechanisms for the Prevention and Combating of Torture in each state.

The Working Group on the Prevention and Combating of Torture met with experts from the National Mechanism for the Prevention and Combating of Torture (MNPCT).

MAY

The Working Group on the Prevention and Combating of Torture met with the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT) and the MNPCT to discuss joint actions.

JULY

The PFDC sent Official Letter No. 465/2024/PFDC/MPF to the Minister of State of the Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship requesting support for the exceptional extension of the terms of office of the members of the National Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Torture (CNPCT), which had been inactive due to the expiration of the terms of the members representing civil society organizations, as the renewal process had not yet begun. It also requested that the process of renewing its membership be initiated, in order to restore continuity, stability, and independence in the performance of the functions assigned by law to the National System for the Prevention and Combating of Torture.




AUG

The PFDC sent Official Letter No. 541/2024/PFDC/MPF to the Minister of State at the Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship, inquiring about the guidelines, technical instructions, or measures envisioned by the Ministry to ensure uniform action throughout the country regarding the implementation and operation of the State Mechanisms for the Prevention and Combating of Torture.

OCT

The Associate Prosecutor General Luciano Mariz Maia was nominated by the Brazilian State to run for a position as an expert in the prevention and combating of torture within the Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment of the United Nations (UN). The nomination was submitted to the UN by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in consultation with the Ministry of Human Rights, after approval by the Superior Council of the MPF and with the support of the Federal Prosecutor's Office for Citizens' Rights (PFDC). On October 24, in a vote held in Geneva, Switzerland, he was elected to the United Nations (UN) Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT) for a term ending in 2028.

In Technical Note No. 13/2024, the PFDC advocated for the passage of Bill (PL) 6,240/2013, which criminalizes the forced disappearance of a person. If approved, the apprehension, detention, kidnapping, or any other form of deprivation of liberty of a person, carried out by state agents, state institutions, or armed or paramilitary groups, will be considered a crime. The legislative proposal helps



ensure that investigations are conducted properly, promoting both justice and redress for victims.



NOV

Meeting between Deputy PFDC Ana Padilha and the Working Group, along with an expert from the MNPCT and members of the State Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Torture in the State of Mato Grosso (CEPET–MT), to discuss the prison system in that state.

WG 4 - Migration, Shelter and Human Trafficking

The Working Group on Migration, Refugees, and Human Trafficking of the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights is dedicated to protecting the human rights of migrants and refugees in Brazil. Acting strategically, the group works to monitor and promote public policies that ensure the integrity and dignity of these populations, in addition to taking action to combat potential violations of their rights. The Working Group is also dedicated to monitoring compliance with national and international standards related to this issue, promoting social inclusion and access to fundamental rights for migrants and refugees in the country.

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Main Activities

AUG

The PFDC participated in a public hearing held by the Permanent Joint Committee on International Migration and Refugees (CMMIR) at the National Congress to discuss the National Migration and Refugee Policy. At the time, André de Carvalho Ramos, head of the Working Group on Migration, Refugees, and Human Trafficking, called for increased funding for public policies aimed at migrants and refugees.

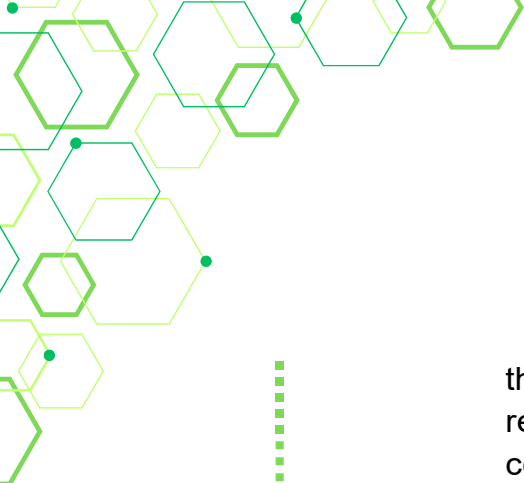
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On October 8, the PFDC conducted a technical inspection at Guarulhos Airport and found immigrants being held in poor conditions. Among them were men, women, and children of various nationalities—primarily from Africa and Southeast Asia—who had been neither allowed to enter Brazil nor returned to their countries of origin. The visit included representatives from the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office, the National Human Rights Council, and the ACNUR. Conditions at the site were appalling, with people lying on the floor, makeshift beds, cold temperatures, and a lack of adequate restrooms. Many immigrants were ill, and the lack of access to the asylum process was a common complaint.

Following the technical visit, while still at the airport, a meeting was held by the GRU Interagency Group, composed of the Federal Prosecution Service (MPF), the Ministry of Justice, the Federal Public Defender's Office, the Municipality of Guarulhos, and the ACNUR. On this occasion, the importance of a new proposal for the processing of asylum applications was highlighted, with the goal of reducing the waiting time for immigrants in the restricted area.

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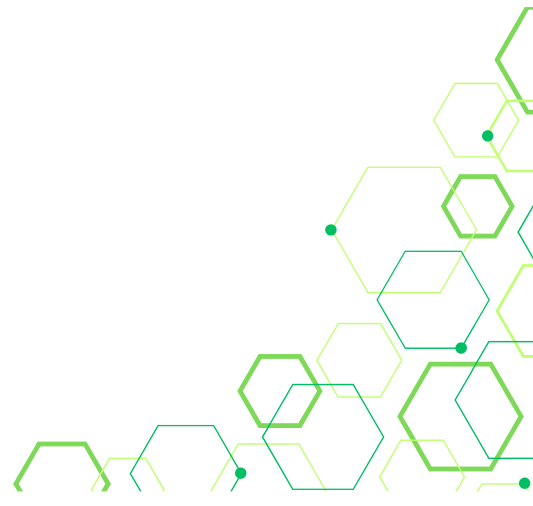
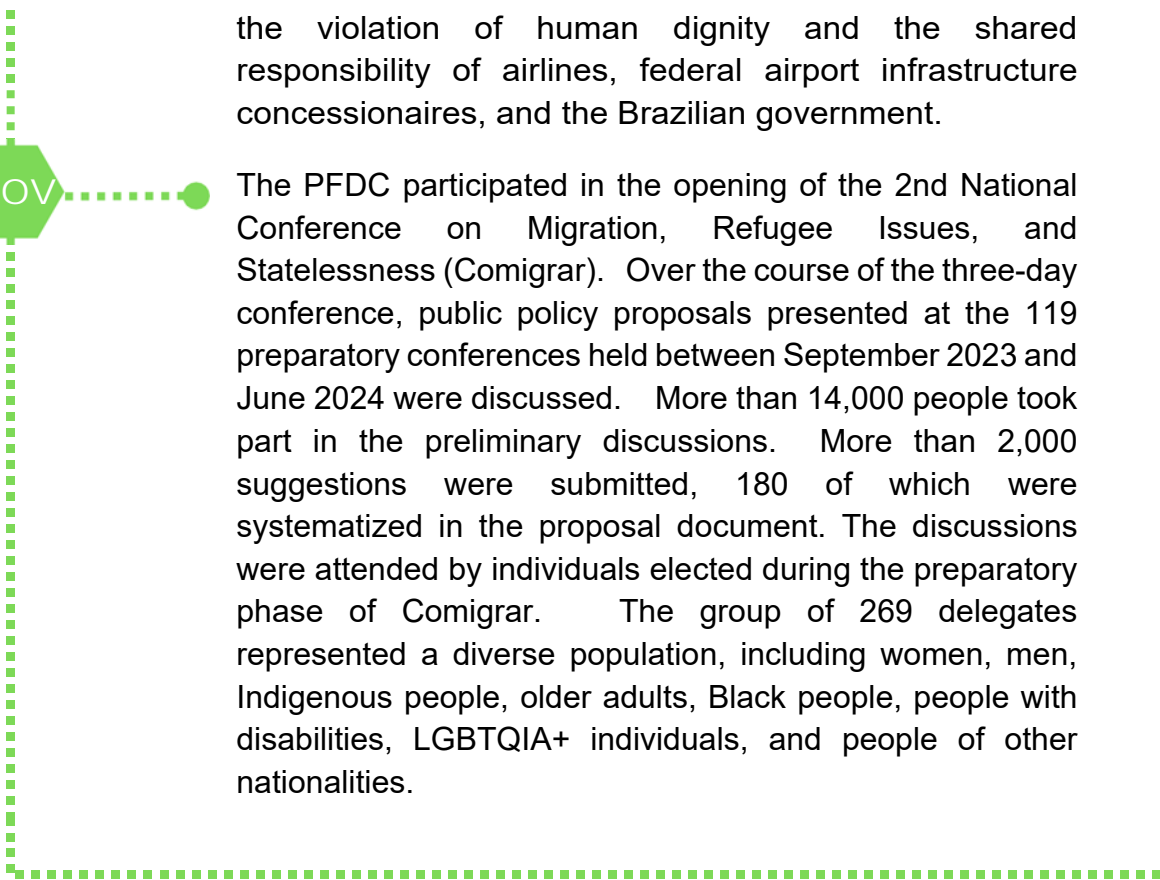
On October 15, following this visit, the PFDC issued a recommendation to the Minister of State for Justice and Public Security which concerned improper restrictions on the right to apply for refugee status, and the illegality of Technical Note No. 18/2024 issued by the Department of Migration of the Ministry of Justice and Public Security,



NOV

the violation of human dignity and the shared responsibility of airlines, federal airport infrastructure concessionaires, and the Brazilian government.

The PFDC participated in the opening of the 2nd National Conference on Migration, Refugee Issues, and Statelessness (Comigrar). Over the course of the three-day conference, public policy proposals presented at the 119 preparatory conferences held between September 2023 and June 2024 were discussed. More than 14,000 people took part in the preliminary discussions. More than 2,000 suggestions were submitted, 180 of which were systematized in the proposal document. The discussions were attended by individuals elected during the preparatory phase of Comigrar. The group of 269 delegates represented a diverse population, including women, men, Indigenous people, older adults, Black people, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and people of other nationalities.





WG 5 - Human Rights and Education

The Human Rights and Education Working Group aims to support the work of the PFDC on sensitive issues related to the protection and promotion of a public, democratic, pluralistic, secular, universal, humanized, and quality education system. It promotes and defends an education focused on citizenship and democracy, particularly in combating all forms of discrimination and in fostering a culture of peace and opposing all forms of violence.

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Main Activities

JUNE

The PFDC warned that the São Paulo state law that establishes the Civic-Military School Program violates the national education model set forth in the Federal Constitution. State Supplementary Law No. 1,398, dated May 28, 2024, implemented a militarization program in state and municipal public schools that are part of the São Paulo State Basic Education Network; however, the program is not supported by the country's educational model, as set forth in the Law on Guidelines and Foundations of National Education (LDBEN).

SEPT

Meeting with representatives from the organization Giftedness on the Map (Superdotação no Mapa) to learn about the challenges faced by gifted students in the Brazilian education system, including a lack of recognition, inadequate support, and shortcomings in identification and assessment.

OCT

Working Group meeting with the PFDC to present a case regarding the difficulties gifted individuals face in access to education and health services, and determine the course of action.

Sending an official letter to the Federal Council of Psychology requesting information regarding professional qualifications for working with gifted individuals



WG 6 - People with Disabilities

The Working Group on Persons with Disabilities is guided by the principle of promoting and defending the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by this population, with an emphasis on combating all forms of discrimination (Decree No. 6,949/2009), as well as ensuring respect for their inclusion (Law No. 13,146/2015) and accessibility (Decree No. 5,296/2004).

The working group's objectives include:

Monitor the development and implementation of Brazil's single disability assessment tool (the Modified Brazilian Functionality Index—IFBRM), which is crucial for ensuring that people with disabilities have adequate access to public policies.

To ensure accessibility in public consultations organized by government agencies for the development and improvement of public policies.

Monitor the conduct adjustment agreement signed with the Post Office to promote accessibility at all its branches.

Oversee the implementation of the quota policy in civil service examinations, ensure appropriate adjustments to public recruitment processes and the workplace environment, with the purpose of guaranteeing full access and the ability of people with disabilities to remain in the civil service.

Monitor legislative proposals related to the rights of people with disabilities, as well as the proposals put forward by the Fifth National Conference on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held in 2024.

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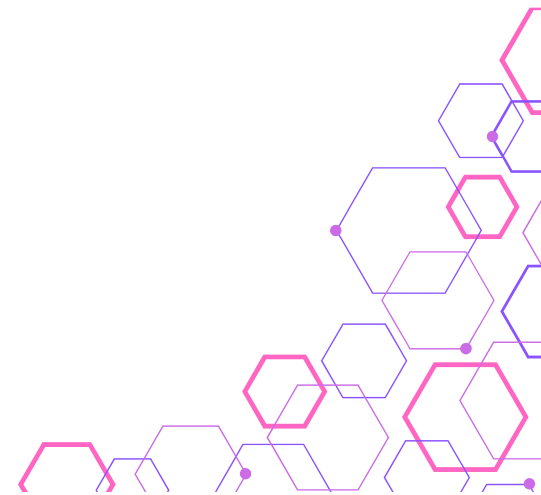
Main Activities

FEB

The PFDC sent an official letter to the Director-General of the National School for the Training and Professional Development of Judges (ENFAM), Minister Mauro Campbell Marques, raising questions regarding Public Notice No. 01/2024, due to the lack of provisions for affirmative action policies for people with disabilities.

JUNE

The PFDC hosted representatives from civil society, institutions, and family members of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to discuss the care provided by private health insurance plans to patients with autism. The meeting brought to light allegations of discriminatory practices by the health plans and other information to support the investigation of possible violations of the rights of people with ASD.





WG 7 - Memory, Truth and Defense of Democracy

The Working Group on Memory, Truth, and the Defense of Democracy aims to contribute to compliance with Law No. 9,140 of 1995 (Special Commission on Political Deaths and Disappearances – CEMDP), Law No. 10,559 of 2002 (Amnesty Commission), and Law No. 12,528 of 2011 (National Truth Commission). In addition, the Working Group is committed to monitoring anti-democratic practices, upholding constitutional principles, and protecting fundamental freedoms.

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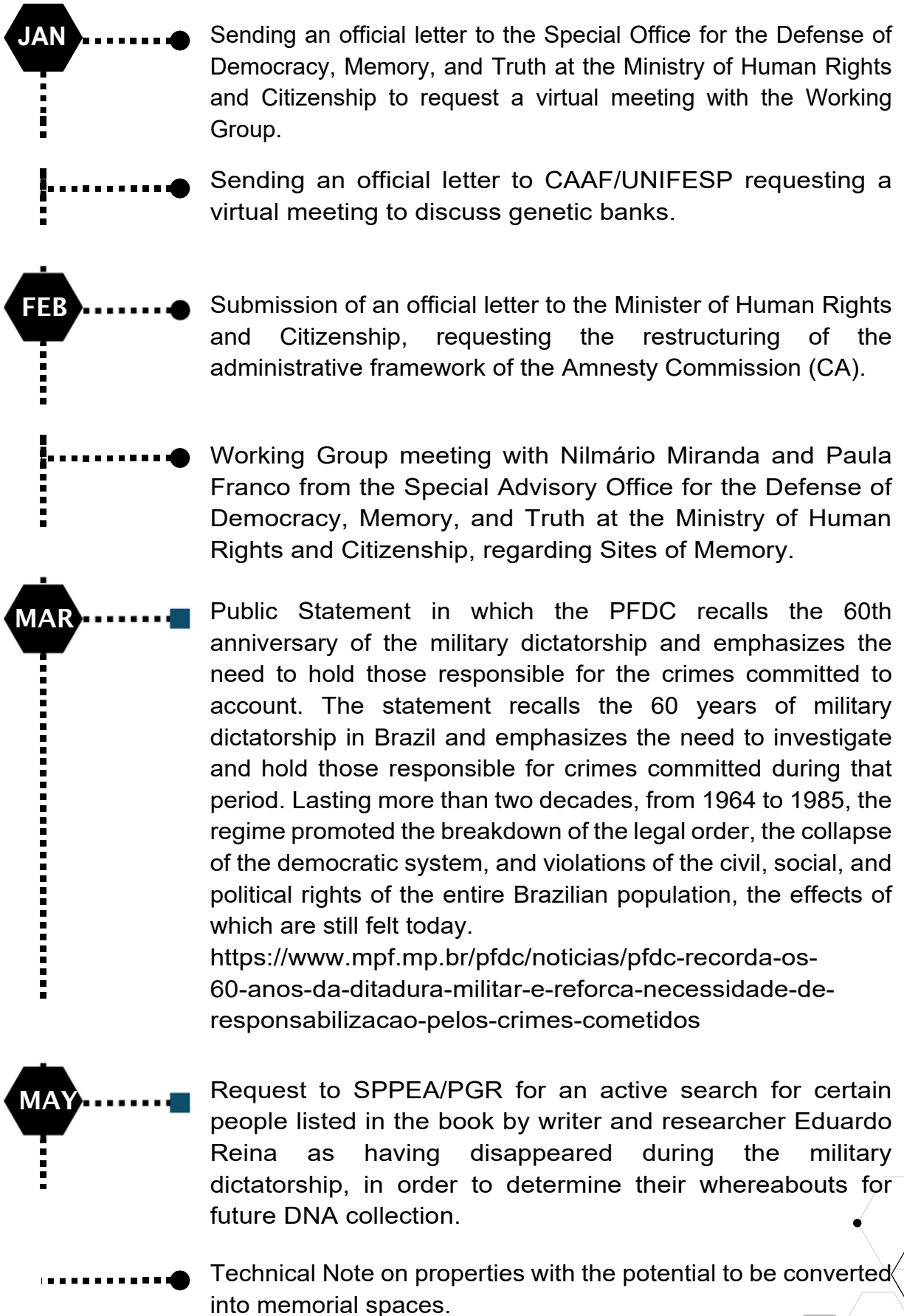
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Main Activities

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- JAN**
- Sending an official letter to the Special Office for the Defense of Democracy, Memory, and Truth at the Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship to request a virtual meeting with the Working Group.
 - Sending an official letter to CAAF/UNIFESP requesting a virtual meeting to discuss genetic banks.
- FEB**
- Submission of an official letter to the Minister of Human Rights and Citizenship, requesting the restructuring of the administrative framework of the Amnesty Commission (CA).
 - Working Group meeting with Nilmário Miranda and Paula Franco from the Special Advisory Office for the Defense of Democracy, Memory, and Truth at the Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship, regarding Sites of Memory.
- MAR**
- Public Statement in which the PFDC recalls the 60th anniversary of the military dictatorship and emphasizes the need to hold those responsible for the crimes committed to account. The statement recalls the 60 years of military dictatorship in Brazil and emphasizes the need to investigate and hold those responsible for crimes committed during that period. Lasting more than two decades, from 1964 to 1985, the regime promoted the breakdown of the legal order, the collapse of the democratic system, and violations of the civil, social, and political rights of the entire Brazilian population, the effects of which are still felt today.
<https://www.mpf.mp.br/pfdc/noticias/pfdc-recordar-os-60-anos-da-ditadura-militar-e-reforca-necessidade-de-responsabilizacao-pelos-crimes-cometidos>
- MAY**
- Request to SPPEA/PGR for an active search for certain people listed in the book by writer and researcher Eduardo Reina as having disappeared during the military dictatorship, in order to determine their whereabouts for future DNA collection.
 - Technical Note on properties with the potential to be converted into memorial spaces.



WG 8 - LGBTQIA+ Community: Protection of Rights

The "LGBTQIA+ Population: Protection of Rights" Working Group works to promote and defend the citizenship and human rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transvestite, transgender, intersex, and other sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. It also supports initiatives related to combating all forms of discrimination, coercion, and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and contributes to the improvement of public policies in this area.

Composed of

Lucas Costa Almeida Dias (Chair)

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Federal Prosecutor, PRM-Petrópolis-RJ

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Senior Federal Prosecutor, PRR 3rd Region

Main Activities

JAN

Technical Note No. 1/2024, which advocates for the implementation of quotas for transgender people in universities and civil service exams. According to the organization, the measure is necessary to reduce the inequalities and difficulties faced by this population in their quest for the rights to access education and the job market, which are guaranteed by the Federal Constitution.

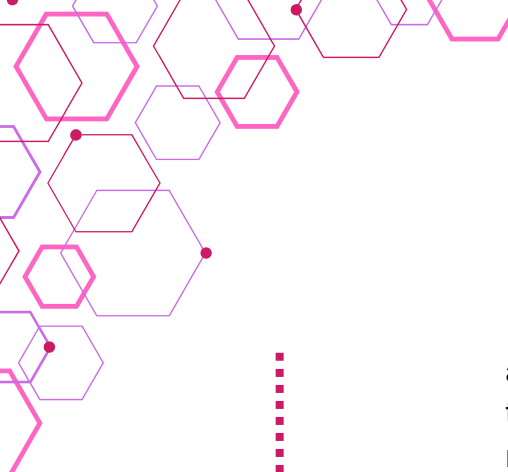
The Note, issued during the month in which National Trans Visibility Day (January 29) is celebrated, was sent to the ministers of Human Rights and Citizenship, Education, and Labor, as well as to the National Association of Directors of Federal Institutions of Higher Education (Andifes).

MAR

A petition filed with the Office of the Prosecutor General arguing that a law passed by the municipality of Boa Vista, in Roraima, which establishes biological sex as the sole criterion for determining gender in official sports competitions, is unconstitutional. Law 2445/2023 also provides for the disqualification and fines for entities that fail to comply with this criterion, the annulment of awards for teams that include transgender athletes among their members, and the banishment of athletes who enter competitions while concealing their transgender status.

MAY

Technical Note No. 4/2024, in support of upholding the presidential veto on Article 185 of Bill (PLN) 4/2023, which was subsequently converted into the 2024 Federal Budget Guidelines Law (LDO). The blocked measures are a legislative byproduct of the so-called “morality agenda”, challenging the agenda of fundamental rights and human rights that should guide legislative activity. Items II and III of the legislative text address the issue of gender-based education by expressly prohibiting the use of federal budget funds for “initiatives aimed at influencing children and adolescents, from preschool through high school, to have sexual orientations different from their biological sex” (II)



and “actions aimed at dismantling, undermining, or eliminating the concept of the traditional family, consisting of a father, mother, and children” (III).

JULY

A petition filed with the Office of the Prosecutor General arguing that a law passed by the municipality of Boa Vista, in Roraima, which establishes biological sex as the sole criterion for determining gender in official sports competitions, is unconstitutional. Law 2445/2023 also provides for the disqualification and fines for entities that fail to comply with this criterion, the annulment of awards for teams that include transgender athletes among their members, and the banishment of athletes who enter competitions while concealing their transgender status.

AUG

Lucas Costa Almeida Dias, chair of the Working Group on the LGBTQIA+ Community: Protection of Rights, attended the 21st LGBTQIA+ Seminar of the National Congress, held at the Chamber of Deputies. The prosecutor took part in the panel discussion titled “The Challenges of Anti-LGBTphobic Education: From Schools to the Brazilian Congress,” moderated by Congresswoman Erika Hilton. According to Lucas, schools are not yet prepared to address acts of violence, such as bullying against LGBTQIA+ individuals. To overcome the problem, he argues, we need to bring what he calls a “welcoming perspective” into educational institutions.



WG 9 - Gender Equality

The “Gender Equality” Working Group of the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen’s Rights (PFDC) within the Federal Prosecution Service (MPF) plays a strategic role in promoting and defending gender equality in Brazil. In line with the international commitments made by the country, such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 5, the group works to address the structural disparities that affect women and girls. Based on the Federal Constitution, which establishes equal rights for men and women, and on specific legislation such as the Maria da Penha Law, the group is committed to strengthening public policies and protective mechanisms to ensure the full exercise of women’s rights.

Composed of

Márcia Morgado Miranda (Chair)

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Senior Federal Prosecutor, PRR 1st Region

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Pedro Antonio de Oliveira Machado

Senior Federal Prosecutor, PRR 1st Region

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Senior Federal Prosecutor, PRR 1st Region

Main Activities

JAN

Technical Note PFDC/MPF 2/2024, of March 6, 2024, which emphasizes the need for members and staff of the Public Prosecution Service to familiarize themselves with the Protocol for Gender-Sensitive Adjudication. This protocol originates from studies conducted by a working group established by the National Council of Justice (CNJ) and aims to combat distortions caused by structural sexism in legal proceedings, notably by preventing the re-victimization of women who are victims of domestic violence.

MAR

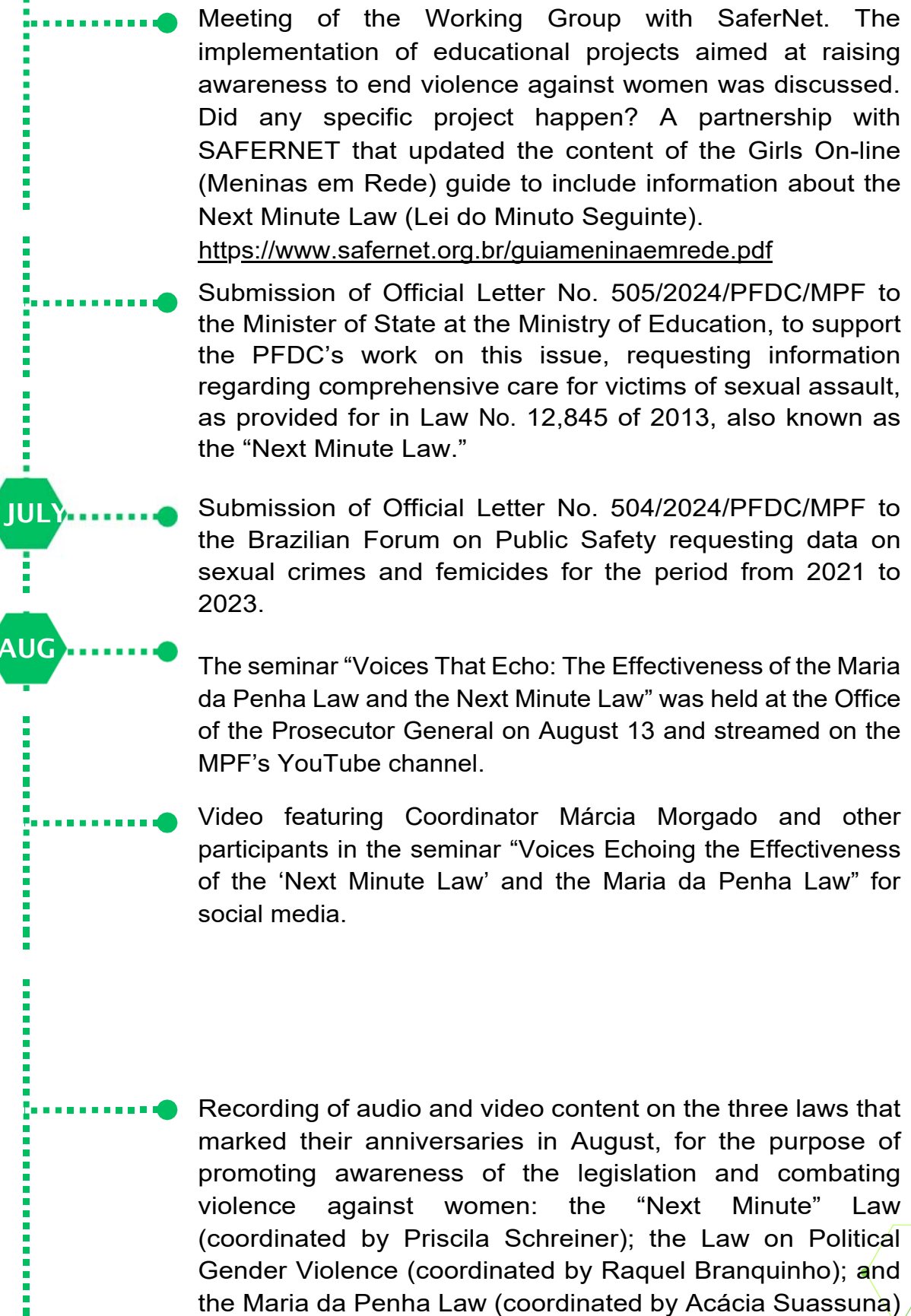
Petition challenging the constitutionality of a provision that excludes the application, in religious services and events, of a protocol designed to prevent violence against women. Introduced into the legal system by Law 14,786/2023, the so-called “No Means No” protocol aims to protect women from harassment in nightclubs, dance clubs, music venues, concerts, and other entertainment venues where alcohol is sold. However, Section 2 of the same law expressly excludes religious events from the scope of the provision.

PFDC Technical Note No. 2/2024 on “The Role of the Public Prosecution Service from a Gender Perspective in Cases of Human Rights Violations by Companies.” The statement, drafted by the working groups focused on the defense of women’s rights and on issues related to human rights and business, aims to contribute to the drafting of the Protocol for the Public Prosecution Service to Act with a Gender Perspective, which is currently under discussion by the National Council of the Prosecution Service (CNMP).

JULY

The submission of Official Letter No. 504/2024/PFDC/MPF to the Brazilian Forum on Public Safety requesting data on sexual crimes and femicide for the period from 2021 to 2023.

Official Letter No. 506/2024/PFDC/MPF was sent to the Secretary-General of the Federal Prosecution Service requesting support for the exterior lighting of all MPF headquarters buildings to be illuminated in lilac during the month of August, in reference to Law No. 14,448 of 2022, which designated August as the month of awareness for the end of violence against women (Lilac August).

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- Meeting of the Working Group with SaferNet. The implementation of educational projects aimed at raising awareness to end violence against women was discussed. Did any specific project happen? A partnership with SAFERNET that updated the content of the Girls On-line (Meninas em Rede) guide to include information about the Next Minute Law (Lei do Minuto Seguinte).
<https://www.safernet.org.br/guiameninaemrede.pdf>
 - Submission of Official Letter No. 505/2024/PFDC/MPF to the Minister of State at the Ministry of Education, to support the PFDC's work on this issue, requesting information regarding comprehensive care for victims of sexual assault, as provided for in Law No. 12,845 of 2013, also known as the "Next Minute Law."
 - JULY ● Submission of Official Letter No. 504/2024/PFDC/MPF to the Brazilian Forum on Public Safety requesting data on sexual crimes and femicides for the period from 2021 to 2023.
 - AUG ● The seminar "Voices That Echo: The Effectiveness of the Maria da Penha Law and the Next Minute Law" was held at the Office of the Prosecutor General on August 13 and streamed on the MPF's YouTube channel.
 - Video featuring Coordinator Márcia Morgado and other participants in the seminar "Voices Echoing the Effectiveness of the 'Next Minute Law' and the Maria da Penha Law" for social media.
 - Recording of audio and video content on the three laws that marked their anniversaries in August, for the purpose of promoting awareness of the legislation and combating violence against women: the "Next Minute" Law (coordinated by Priscila Schreiner); the Law on Political Gender Violence (coordinated by Raquel Branquinho); and the Maria da Penha Law (coordinated by Acácia Suassuna)

SEPT

Working Group Meeting with the Ministry of Education (MEC) - The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a potential partnership with the Ministry of Education (MEC) on the issue of protecting women's rights through education.

Working Group meeting with the Women's Health Care Coordination Office of the Ministry of Health to discuss regulations on the protection of women and strategies for promoting the "Next Minute Law".

Submission of Official Letter No. 719/2024/PFDC/MPF to the Secretariat for Continuing Education, Youth and Adult Literacy, Diversity, and Inclusion of the Ministry of Education, requesting measures to disseminate materials in the thematic workbooks for education professionals, particularly the inclusion of the "Next Minute Law."

OCT

Coordinated action within the Operational Support Centers to the Office of the Regional Ombudsmen for Citizen's Rights (NAOPs) aimed at promoting awareness-raising initiatives to protect women's rights, particularly with regard to combating violence in its different forms, in order to promote gender equality in the country.

NOV

Working Group meeting with UN Women. The purpose of the meeting was to establish institutional ties and explore future partnerships.

Meeting between the PFDC and the Working Group with the Brazilian Women's Union (UBM). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the partnership proposal between PFDC and UBM.

Working Group meeting with the Alana Institute. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a partnership proposal aimed at promoting the new Next Minute Law website.

Webinar: "Challenges in Combating the Culture of Violence Against Women: Legal Framework and Public Policies," featuring Flávia Piovesan. During the event, participants discussed the challenges involved in combating the culture of violence against women and strategies for addressing them.



WG 10 – Liberties: Consciousness, Beliefs and Expression

The Working Group on Liberties: Consciousness, Beliefs and Expression promotes respect for religious, cultural, and ideological diversity. Its primary focus is on ensuring freedom of assembly, expression, and religion. In the religious sphere, it seeks to protect, particularly, faiths of African origin. The working group also addresses ways to combat indirect censorship of faculty and students, as well as defending press freedom.

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Main Activities

JAN

Technical Note PFDC/MPF 2/2024, of March 6, 2024, which emphasizes the need for members and staff of the Public Prosecution Service to familiarize themselves with the Protocol for Gender-Sensitive Adjudication. This protocol originates from studies conducted by a working group established by the National Council of Justice (CNJ) and aims to combat distortions caused by structural sexism in legal proceedings, notably by preventing the re-victimization of women who are victims of domestic violence.

APR

The Working Group on “Liberties: Conscience, Belief, and Expression” submitted a positive statement to the PFDC regarding the request filed with the National Council of Justice (CNJ), by the Diversity Committee of the Court of Justice of the State of Maranhão (TJMA), regarding the issuance of a regulatory act aimed at recording, in the birth records of people of African descent, at the request of the interested party, their race, ethnicity, and/or religion in the surname.

The PFDC sent Official Letter No. 170/2024 to the CNJ with the statement suggested by the Working Group Liberties

MAY

The PFDC argued that people of African descent may request that registry offices amend their birth and marriage certificates to include surnames that reflect African race, ethnicity, religion, or ancestry, including the removal of the family name originally assigned. This understanding was defended in a letter sent to the National Council of Justice, which is considering the possibility of issuing a regulatory act on the matter.

AUG

Initiation of an Administrative Proceeding to monitor issues related to police interactions at places of worship of African-based religions and religious racism.

SEPT

Initiation of an Administrative Proceeding to monitor issues related to police interactions at places of worship of African-based religions and religious racism.

OCT

PFDC Technical Note No. 12/2024 on the legal possibility of recording, in the birth records of people of African descent, at the request of the interested person, their race, ethnicity, and/or religious affiliation in the surname, including the removal of the family name originally assigned. Improvements to the operations of notary and registry services in accordance with Articles 55 through 57 of Law No. 6,015/1973 (Public Records Law). Forwarding, via official letter, to federal authorities for their information and action, with a recommendation to draft a federal bill aimed at amending the Public Records Act.

Initiation of Administrative Proceedings to discuss and monitor compliance with CNPCP Resolution No. 34, of April 24, 2024, which addresses religious assistance within the Brazilian prison system.

NOV

Letter to the Prosecutor General of the MPDFT, Georges Carlos Fredderico Moreira Seigneur, urging him to file a complaint against District Representative Pastor Daniel de Castro. The reason is that on October 23, 2024, the congressman posted a video on his social media account in which he accuses a teacher affiliated with the Lago Educational Center (CEL) of teaching African-based religions in the classroom. Possible characterization of hate speech that may fall under Law No. 7,716/1989.

Meeting with Arley Nascimento Silva, from the Coordination of Religious, Legal, and Social Assistance of the National Secretariat for Criminal Policy (COARJUS/SENAPPEN) regarding Resolution No. 34/2024 of the National Council for Criminal and Penitentiary Policy (CNPCP), which addresses the socio-spiritual assistance of people deprived of their liberty in the Brazilian prison system. Freedom of worship for religions of African origin within the prison system.



DEC

- Meeting of the Working Group on Liberties with Arley Nascimento Silva and representatives of religions with African and Indigenous roots to discuss Resolution No. 34.
- Meeting of the Working Group on Liberties with Sandro Abel, Director of Penal Policy at Senappen, and Arley Nascimento Silvas, Head of Religious Assistance at Coarjus/Senappen. As follow-up actions, it was decided to publish a booklet explaining CNPCP Resolution No. 34/2024 in accessible language and to hold a seminar organized by Senappen by March 2025. A meeting has been scheduled for January 27, 2025, between the Liberties Working Group and Mr. Arley Silva to discuss the seminar.



WG 11 - Health

The “Health” working group of the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen’s Rights works to promote and defend the right to healthcare as a fundamental guarantee, as provided for in the Federal Constitution. In addition, it has been working to promote mental health rights.

Composed of

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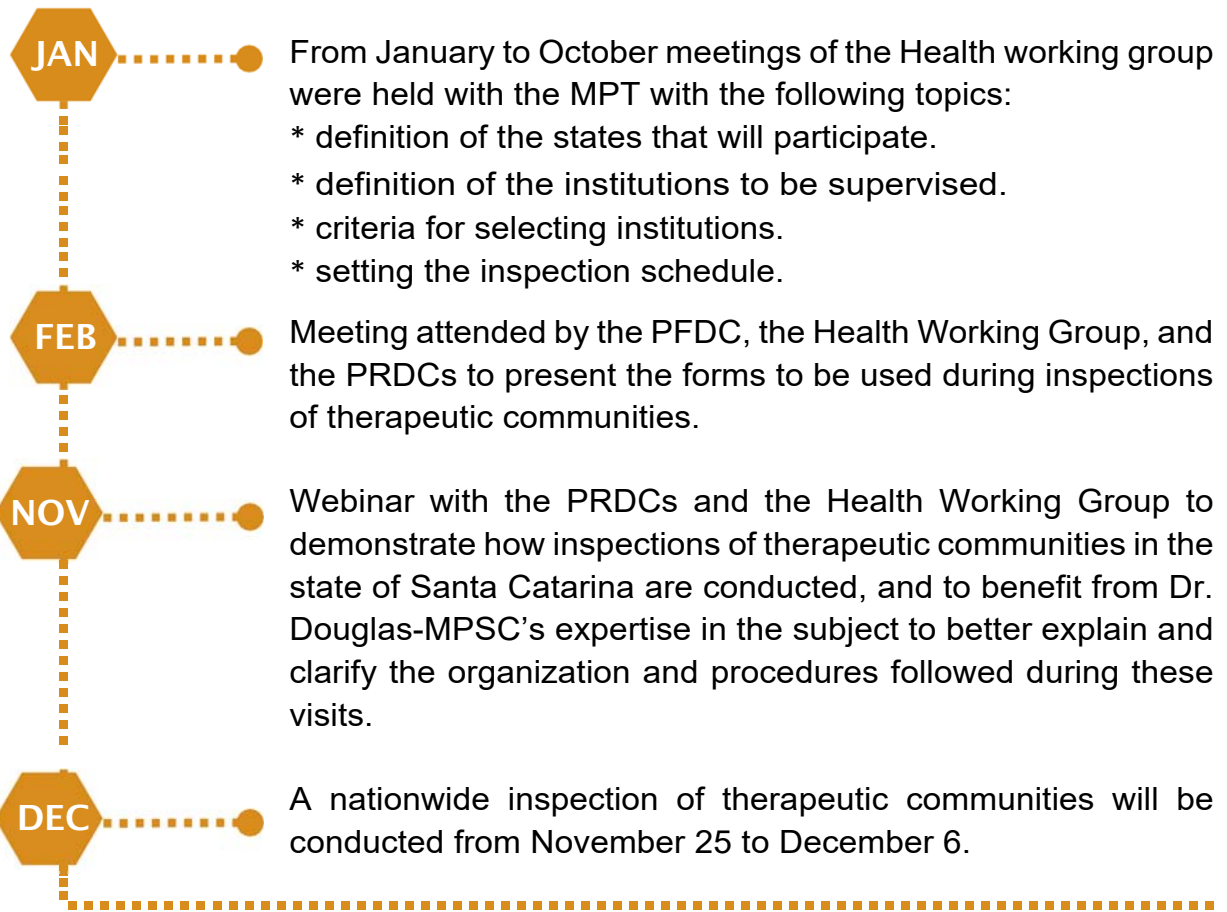
Roberta Trajano Sandoval Peixoto

Federal Prosecutor, PR-RJ

Suzete Bragagnolo

Federal Prosecutor, PR-RS

Main Activities





WG 12 - Human rights and Companies

The Human Rights and Companies Working Group works to strengthen public policies aimed at preventing, mitigating, and addressing the negative impacts of business activities on human rights. Among its priorities are raising awareness of this issue within the justice system and the corporate sector, as well as promoting relevant regulations—including international ones—related to the subject.

Composed of

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Federal Prosecutor, PRM-Dourados-MS

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Federal Prosecutor, PR-SP

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Renata Muniz Evangelista Jurema

Federal Prosecutor, PRM-Mossoró-RN

Vladimir Barros Aras

Senior Federal Prosecutor, PRR 1st Region



Main Activities

MAR

PFDC Technical Note No. 2/2024 on “The Role of the Public Prosecution Service from a Gender Perspective in Cases of Human Rights Violations by Companies.” The statement, drafted by the working groups focused on the defense of women’s rights and on issues related to human rights and business, aims to contribute to the drafting of the Protocol for the Public Prosecution Service to Act with a Gender Perspective, which is currently under discussion by the National Council of the Prosecution Service (CNMP).

JULY

Meeting between the PFDC, the Chair of the Human Rights and Business Working Group, and the lawyer for the Xingu Vivo Movement to discuss “Belo Sun Mining Company’s Activities in Altamira, Pará.”

AUG

Public Hearing with officials and organizations from the human rights sector and the business community to discuss “The creation of a national regulatory framework on human rights and business: Bill No. 572/2022 and ways to hold companies accountable for human rights violations.”



WG 13 - Citizenship and Public Safety

One of the goals of the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights' "Citizenship and Public Safety" Working Group is to promote the right to public safety based on effectiveness, constitutionality, and respect for human rights. The group's work aims to ensure that the actions of law enforcement agencies and the prison system are consistent with the protection of individual and collective rights, particularly those of the most vulnerable communities, which often face the consequences of state violence. Through the monitoring of public policies and inter-agency collaboration, the group works to ensure that law enforcement agencies and members of the correctional system act responsibly and in accordance with constitutional principles, thereby strengthening citizenship and combating abusive practices.

Composed of

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Federal Prosecutor, PR-RJ

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Associate Prosecutor General, PGR



Main Activities

● The Working Group was established in October 2024 and held four meetings during which it discussed the possibility of producing technical documents on the Public Safety Constitutional Amendment Bill and its impact on constitutional rights and guarantees.



TR 1 - Social Safety and Homeless Population

The Thematic Unit on Social Security and the Homeless Population is guided by a mandate to promote effective access for vulnerable individuals to healthcare services, as well as to social security and social assistance benefits, including emergency assistance. It also contributes to ensuring universal access to civil registration and to strengthening public policies aimed at protecting and promoting the rights of people experiencing homelessness, including efforts to combat violence in its various forms.

Composition of the Thematic Unit

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PRM-Tefé-AM

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Federal Prosecutor, PR-SP

12. PFDC in numbers

According to the "Sectoral Flow" menu of the National Statistics Panel, from May to November, 258 extra-judicial proceedings were filed, and the PFDC closed 239 of them with a statement (data retrieved on December 4, 2024).



13. PFDC in the news



January 10, 2024

PFDC receives until February 16th articles to integrate publication on land conflict resolution



January 17, 2024

The PFDC highlights the importance of the CNJ's Protocol on Gender-Sensitive Trials



January 17, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service issues a technical note in support of quotas for the inclusion of transgender people in civil service exams and universities



January 22, 2024

The PFDC reaffirms the Federal Prosecution Service's commitment to combating intolerance and religious racism



March 6, 2024

The PFDC argues that a regulation excluding a protocol for the protection of women at religious events is unconstitutional

GARANTIA DE DIREITOS

March 8, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service issues a [third](#) [gender discrimination and human rights violations by companies](#)



March 8, 2024

The PFDC argues that a law in Boa Vista (RR) barring transgender people from participating in sports competitions is unconstitutional

DIREITOS DO CIDADÃO



March 22, 2024

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March 31, 2024

The PFDC recalls the 60th anniversary of the military dictatorship and emphasizes the need to hold those responsible for the crimes committed to account

RELATÓRIO DE ATIVIDADES



April 15, 2024

The PFDC has published its 2023 activity report, focusing on combating human rights violations

GARANTIA DE DIREITOS

April 17, 2024

The PFDC expresses concern over the rise in violence in rural areas



**DIREITO DOS
CIDADÃOS**



April 22, 2024

PFDC publishes the final results of the selection of articles on land conflicts

April 22, 2024

Leaders from Latin American countries sign a pledge to protect the Amazon

May 2, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service argues that people of African descent should be allowed to include surnames on their birth certificates that refer to race, ethnicity or religion

May 8, 2024

PFDC supports a campaign encouraging taxpayers to allocate a portion of their income tax to projects aimed at children and adolescents

May 9, 2024

The PFDC advocates for maintaining the presidential vetoes on provisions of the Budget Guidelines Law (LDO) that discriminate against the LGBTQIA+ community



May 24, 2024

[PFDC releases a collection of articles exploring options for resolving land disputes in Brazil](#)



May 24, 2024

[The PFDC's 2020-2024 Management Report highlights its human rights-focused work](#)



June 7, 2024

[Law establishing a civic-military school in São Paulo violates the educational model enshrined in the Constitution, says the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights](#)



June 14, 2024

[The Federal Prosecution Service is investigating cases of refusal of service and unilateral cancellation of health insurance plans for people with autism](#)



June 19, 2024

[Black and brown people should be the beneficiaries of ethnic-racial affirmative action measures established by law, according to the PFDC](#)



June 26, 2024

[The Federal Prosecution Service inspects the Pedrinhas prison \(MA\) and attends a meeting of the Council on Criminal and Penitentiary Policy](#)

AUDIÊNCIA PÚBLICA
MARCO NORMATIVO NACIONAL:
DIREITOS HUMANOS E EMPRESAS
Caminhos para o combate à
impunidade corporativa



June 28, 2024

The Federal Prosecutor's Office will hold a public hearing to discuss the creation of a national framework on human rights and companies

CRIMES
DA
DITADURA



July 4, 2024

At the request of the Federal Prosecution Service, the Federal Government has reestablished the Special Commission on Political Deaths and Disappearances



July 12, 2024

PFDC resumes work of the Forum on Rights and Combating Violence in Rural Areas



July 12, 2024

In response to the PFDC, the Ministry of Education acknowledges the importance of adopting quotas for transgender people in universities



July 22, 2024

PFDC: meeting discusses care for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder under private health insurance plans



August 8, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service launches a campaign to fight gender-based violence focusing on the effectiveness of laws protecting women



August 7, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service argues that the government must ensure a safe educational environment free from bullying for the LGBTQIA+ Community



August 12, 2024

A member of the Federal Public Prosecution Service has been nominated by the Brazilian government to run for the position of expert on the UNSubcommittee on Prevention of Torture



August 14, 2024

The PFDC meets with the chair of the Chamber of Deputies' Committee on Human Rights, Minorities, and Racial Equality



August 15, 2024

Nicolao Dino takes office on the National Council of Human Rights



August 15, 2024

Bill proposing sanctions for those who participate in rural land occupations is unconstitutional, says PFDC



August 19, 2024

Environment: PFDC calls for urgent ratification of the Escazú Agreement



August 20, 2024

PFDC launches an exhibition on the lives of human rights defenders in the Americas



August 22, 2024

Increasing women's representation is one of the goals of the law that penalizes gender-based violence in politics



August 23, 2024

The PFDC and the Minister of Health meet to discuss joint action on priority issues



August 26, 2024

Human rights violations by companies are the focus of a public hearing organized by the PFDC



August 28, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service (MPF) will attend the ceremony and meeting marking the resumption of the Special Commission on Political Deaths and Disappearances



August 29, 2024

The PFDC opens an exhibition on the lives of human rights defenders in the Americas



August 29, 2024

A public hearing organized by the agency brought together representatives from the business sector and civil society to discuss a bill currently under consideration in the National Congress



August 30, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service emphasizes the need for concrete answers for families as the Special Commission on Political Deaths and Disappearances resumes its work



September 12, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service meets with UN special rapporteurs to discuss climate change and human rights



September 27, 2024

The PFDC will assess the impact of on-line gambling on socially and economically vulnerable populations



October 2, 2024

The PFDC emphasizes that people of African descent may include surnames on their birth certificates that refer to race, ethnicity, or religion



October 3, 2024

The PFDC supports the passage of a bill that classifies the forced disappearance of persons as a crime



October 4, 2024

The PFDC meets with the new Minister of Human Rights Humanos



October 10, 2024

The PFDC conducts a technical visit to Guarulhos Airport to assess the humanitarian situation of stranded refugees



October 14, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service discusses strategies for strengthening the National System for the Prevention and Combating of Torture



October 16, 2024

Human Rights: improving the Federal Prosecution Service's operational structure is the focus of the National Meeting of the Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Citizen's Rights



October 16, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service recommends urgent measures to ensure the rights of migrants detained at Guarulhos Airport



October 17, 2024

The PFDC emphasizes the importance of international humanitarian cooperation in safeguarding human rights



**Conflito
agrário**



**COMBATE E
PREVENÇÃO
TORTURA**



October 22, 2024

The PFDC is requesting information regarding a police operation that resulted in the deaths of two people in an area of land conflict in Pará

October 24, 2024

A member of the Federal Prosecution Service has been elected to the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

November 7, 2024

Seminar discusses systems for monitoring international human rights obligations

November 12, 2024

PFDC Participates in the 2nd National Conference on Migration, Refugee Issues and Statelessness

November 13, 2024

Black Awareness Month: seminar discusses racism as a socio-structural phenomenon

November 14, 2024

Constitutional Amendment Proposal authorizing work at age 14 violates the rights of children and adolescents, says PFDC



November 14, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service calls for greater effectiveness from the National Health Agency in regulating health insurance rates



November 25, 2024

The PFDC and the Federal Prosecution Service's Environmental Chamber advocate for the enactment of stricter laws on the use of pesticides



November 29, 2024

The Federal Prosecution Service advocates for the strengthening of preventive public policies to fight violence against women



December 2, 2024

PFDC and Plataforma Dhesca Brasil sign a memorandum of understanding to monitor cases of human rights violations



December 3, 2024

The PFDC highlights progress and challenges in the fight against torture at an event marking the 40th anniversary of the UN Convention



December 3, 2024

At a hearing in the Chamber of Deputies, the Federal Prosecution Service reaffirms its commitment to combating violations of human rights

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