

I am writing this to express my deep concern for the killings that took place in northern Brazilian prisons following the spread of riots and conflicts between criminal gangs.

I urge you to ensure prompt, thorough and impartial investigations into the killings of 26 men in Alcaçuz prison, Rio Grande do Norte state, as well as the killings in prisons in Amazonas and Roraima states, and to bring all those suspected of criminal responsibility to justice in fair trials.

I also urge you to adopt immediate measures to prevent other possible imminent riots and killings in the prison system.

Meanwhile, I call on you to implement the recommendations made by the National Mechanism on the Prevention of Torture and the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture in its report on its mission to Brazil.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,