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Subject: sos são josé

My name is Cosme Vitor and I am a member of the Central de Movimientos Populares in the City of São José dos Campos, Vale do Paraíba, São Paulo. Since 1999, we have been fighting against a "desfavelização" project, implemented in the city of São José dos Campos, São Paulo, SP, by the city authorities. The Project is financed by the World Bank (IDB).

It is a project with only one objective: a forced withdrawal of the poor from the city center to put them outside of the legal city. In place of the houses, there will be constructions of markets like "Carrefour", car dealers and other apartments.

This is what happened in three communities in the city, the families have been replaced forcefully of their homes in the central zones and sent 16 kilometers away from where they used to live, in a neighborhood with 450 houses exclusively made for them with very little infrastructure. There are actually only 40 families that refused to abandon their houses, which is why the riot squad had to remove them using force. Since then, we have been fighting to return to our houses.

I am going to send to complaint and the pictures of what happened in the Jardim San José 2.

The other complaint refers to the new loan that is being negotiated with the city, that would displace more than 1,000 poor families and would be an unprecedented attack against the environment.

This complaint has already been transmitted to different Brazilian authorities and also to the IDB Brazil, through Mrs. Janaina.

I hope that the IDB can come to the city and take an urgent measure.

Thank you very much,

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