

## United Nations Human Rights Council - 38th Regular Session

### Item 4 - General Debate

#### Statement by Conectas Direitos Humanos

*Delivered by Mr. Gustavo Huppes*

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Conectas, in partnership with Redes da Maré, wants to bring to this Council attention an appalling episode occurred a week ago that resulted in several violations.

A joint operation gathering the civil police and the Armed Forces took place at Favela da Maré, a poor community in Rio de Janeiro with 140 thousand inhabitants. Three armoured combat vehicles were used in this operation along with an armoured combat helicopter recklessly shooting from the sky.

The massive shooting – besides hitting streets, houses and a school in Favela da Maré - resulted in the killing of seven people: 14-year-old Marcos Vinicius, who was on his way home from school when he was shot to death, and another 6 youths that, according to witnesses, were executed by security agents. Three of them had their bodies thrown from the third floor of a building.

Your excellencies,

This shameful operation reflects the current process of militarization in Brazil. We are experiencing a growing use of military forces in police duties. Between 2010 and 2017, 44 presidential decrees authorized the use of the Armed Forces in public security. Seventeen of them only in Rio de Janeiro, a state that since February is under an unconstitutional military federal intervention in its public security.

I thank you.