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Emne: Restrictions for red countries in DK – entry for students and researchers

Dear Mr. Kristensen,

I hope this e-mail finds you well and safe.

I am part of a group of Brazilian students and researchers accepted/hired/enrolled to/in study or work in Denmark. Still, we cannot enter the country due to the restriction for people coming from the "red list" category. As you might be aware, studies are not considered a "worthy purpose" in this category. Hence we are doing everything within our reach to raise awareness about the difficulties that this situation represents to us and the continuity of our academic and professional goals.

Some of us have already been advised that they will lose their scholarships/vacancies if we do not enter into Denmark before the semester starts in September. In addition, the admissions processes were very demanding and disputed. Saying that, it's with great honor that we have chosen universities from Copenhagen to Aalborg.

Nearly 60% of our group already has housing in different cities and have paid rent for the first months. We are looking forward to moving to Denmark due to its excellence in education. Also, we hold the belief that our entrance into your country would be a great addition to diversity in the globalized Danish society, economy and academy.

We respect the sovereignty of nations and the independence to rule under their territory, but we respectfully believe that study is a worthy purpose that could provide entry into Denmark even for residents of red countries under safety protocols. We are committed to following all necessary measures, and we are currently writing letters to the Brazilian and Danish governments and Embassades to expose our situation.

We kindly ask that the Danish Parliament consider the arguments presented in the attached letter and that the issue be addressed to the competent authorities. We humbly hope that we can count on your support and intervention to find a bipartisan solution that protects both interested parties. We thus remain at your disposal for further dialogue.

Thank you so much for your attention. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind regards/med venlig hilsen

Eric Raupp, on behalf of

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