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OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM CBOO ON THE BRUTAL MURDER OF BRAZILIAN OPTOMETRIST MARCELO NOGUEIRA, RESULTING FROM PROFESSIONAL INTOLERANCE

It is with **profound sadness and indignation that the Brazilian Confederation of Optometry (CBOO) informs the international community of the brutal murder of Brazilian optometrist Marcelo Nogueira**, an exemplary, ethical, and dedicated professional, which occurred on October 20, 2025, in Itapetininga, São Paulo (Brazil).

According to information widely reported by the media and the Police Department responsible for the investigation, **the crime was allegedly motivated by professional intolerance, committed by an ophthalmologist (Dr. José Gabriel Bloise de Meira), who worked in an adjacent office to the murdered professional.**

This barbaric act goes beyond an individual tragedy, painfully exposing the historical persecution, institutional prejudice, and denial of rights faced by optometrists in Brazil.

Over the past decades, Brazilian Optometry has been the target of a systematic campaign of disinformation and hostility, perpetuated by national medical entities—even after the unanimous recognition of the profession's legality by the Supreme Federal Court (STF) in ADPF No. 131. These entities continue to deny Optometry's right to exist and to serve the public.

In this moment of mourning and reflection, **the CBOO appeals to the international Optometry and Ophthalmology communities to join us in strongly condemning this act of violence and in promoting respect, safety, and cooperation between the professions of visual health—Optometry and Ophthalmology.**

Our call and ongoing action are for Marcelo Nogueira's death to serve as a global warning about the consequences of professional intolerance and institutional omission.

On November 5, 2025, at the National Congress of Brazil, the CBOO will hold a Public Act for Optometry, in memory of Optometrist Marcelo Nogueira, who was brutally murdered while exercising his profession. The event will also aim to draw the attention of the Brazilian Parliament and society to the urgent need for approval of the Law for the Regulation of Optometry in Brazil—an essential measure to ensure greater safety for optometrists and expand public access to primary eye health care.

The CBOO remains steadfast in demanding full justice, so that Marcelo's life and legacy inspire a fairer, safer, and more respectful society.

Sincerely,

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