

ICEFLU's Note

(translated from Portuguese)

THE CHURCH OF THE ECLECTIC WORSHIP OF THE FLUENT UNIVERSAL LIGHT - ICEFLU - Padrinho Sebastião Mota de Melo, in view of the lawsuit with allegations of sexual and labor abuse against Paulo Roberto Silva e Souza, a well-known daimista leader, considering the seriousness of the accusations and the fact that the case is being processed in secret and that we do not have access to the case files, hereby clarifies that:

- Paulo Roberto played a prominent role in the process of legalizing and expanding our Doctrine; in any case, ICEFLU considers his possible conduct of abuse and sexual harassment to be unacceptable from an ethical point of view;
- Our institution deeply sympathizes with victims of abuse and reaffirms its commitment to listening to and supporting anyone who has faced situations of violence or harassment, ensuring safe spaces and support;
- We are strengthening our reception channels and improving our work, in order to promote a safe and welcoming religious environment for everyone, open to active listening and prepared to firmly face situations of abuse and misconduct among our staff.
- Aware of the importance of the debate on reception, safety and abusive behavior, ICEFLU has supported and strengthened the Women's Working Group, which has been promoting educational actions and proposing disciplinary measures, as well as promoting literacy on the subject, welcoming women and working to implement good practices.
- We reiterate that all associated centers can access our reception channel (acolhimento@iceflu.org) in a safe and confidential manner, simply by seeking information directly.

ICEFLU maintains an unwavering commitment to ethics, transparency and the well-being of all its members, ensuring that our sacred spaces are safe for the exercise of our faith.

Kind regards,

ICEFLU Board of Directors

ICEFLU Legal Department

ICEFLU Women's Working Group

ICEFLU Executive Secretariat