Sr. Patricio Aylwin Azócar Presidente de la República de Chile Palacio de la Moneda Santiago Chile



Your Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you expressing my concern about the reported death threats received by members of CODEPU, Comité de Defensa de los Derechos del Pueblo. On 29 January, 1992 the offices of CODEPU in Santiago were broken into. After this break-in several telephone calls were received at the offices. The callers identified themselves as the Frente Nacionalista de Combate.

I ask that the source of the threats should be investigated and, which is most important, that those found responsible should be brought to justice. I also ask for sincere and adequate steps to be taken to protect the lives and physical integrity of all members of CODEPU.

Members of any human rights organization have the right to be able to conduct their legitimate activities without fear of reprisal. I therefore urge the government to take measures to ensure that this will be possible.

I wish to stress that my concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. I refer to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 3: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Yours sincerely and respectfully

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