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Excellencia,

I am concerned about the legislation currently calling for the extension of the death penalty to include the murder of off-duty police officers. I myself, as a member of Amnesty International, am totally opposed to the use of the death penalty in any case. The death penalty has never been shown to deter crime more effectively than other punishments. Crime figures from countries which have abolished the death penalty do not show that abolition results in increases in crime rate. I call for the abolition of the use of the death penalty in Chile in line with the worldwide trend. Over 40 percent of all countries have now abolished the death penalty in law ~~and~~ in practice. Abolition would ensure longterm respect for the rights of Chilean citizens which the death penalty clearly violates.

Amnesty International in no way condones violent crime but considers the death penalty to be the premeditated and cold blooded killing of human being by the state.

Yours Respectfully,

Colin Hayes.