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Mr. Patricio Aylwin  
President, Republic of Chile  
Palacio de la Moneda  
Santiago, Chile

Mr. President:

I'm writing to you on behalf of the 117,000 members of the Alberta Federation of Labour to express our concerns over the situation of the political prisoners in your country.

Millions of Chileans and people all over the world fought a hard struggle against General Pinochet's reign of terror. Many of them gave their lives for democracy and freedom and others were detained and put in jail. These people deserve the gratitude and respect from all of us who are for democracy and the promotion of human rights. The Canadian labour movement championed the cause of democracy for Chile throughout the Pinochet regime.


It is close to two years since your government was elected, and yet many political prisoners still remain in jail and they had recently staged a 45-day hunger strike to protest against this monstrous injustice and your government failed to provide medical assistance for 14 hours to two hunger stricken prisoners in critical condition.

We urgently demand your government to release all political prisoners from jail immediately and without conditions. They should be compensated and given support to rebuild their lives and that of their families.

We will regard your government as a democratic one as long as justice is done in the cases of human rights violations perpetrated during General Pinochet's dictatorship. If your government shows willingness to act in this regard, you can count on our support.

We hope that these political prisoners will be able to return to their home to enjoy the Christmas season with their families and loves ones.

Yours truly,

  
Don Aitken  
President

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Señor  
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Estimado señor:

En relación a su carta de fecha 03/12/91, S.E. el Presidente de la República don Patricio Aylwin Azócar ha impartido instrucciones para que ésta sea atendida en la Subsecretaría de Justicia.

Para tal efecto, este Gabinete ha remitido su carta mediante oficio GAB. PRES. 92/0000130 a dicha institución.

Saluda atentamente a Ud.

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