Sr. Patricio Aylwin Azocar Presidente de la Republica Palacio de la Moneda Santiago, Chile

May 20, 1992

Dear Presidente:



We, the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Ontario urge you to repeal the first sentence, article 365, Section 6 "Del estupo, incesto, corrupcion de menores y otros actos deshonestos," Title VII, Book 2 of Chile's Penal Code. Please bring Chile's law in accordance with the law's of other world democracies and rescind the law which criminalizes sodomy.

The freedom to express one's sexual orientation is a fundamental human right which your country must uphold in order to join the ranks of European democracies. On two occasions the European Court of Human Rights has condemned member states for failing to abolish a total ban on homosexual acts in their criminal code. This failure was considered a violation of the European Human Rights Convention.

We urge you to take immediate action on this request.

Respectfully yours,

Patrick J. Gignac (On behalf of CLGRO)