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

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Your Excellency

Commuted death sentences

Mauro Gonzalez Quispe Rene Larico Aguilar Lisbert Fausto Mamani Morales

Having written a few weeks ago to the Minister of Justice on the impending death sentences on these men, I am delighted to hear of you decision to commute the sentences.

I understand that your Excellency is opposed to use of the death penalty. As a member of Amnesty International I would strongly support your position on this matter of grave principle.

Chile's reputation in the world for respect of human rights would be much enhanced by total abolition of the death penalty. Meanwhile I would respectfully urge you to use your POWER OF CLEMENCY to commute the sentence on

RAFAEL ESCORZA HENRIQUEZ

The case of this man is currently before the Santiago Appeals Court and the matter relates to charges brought in on 21st August 1992 of illicit terrorist association relating to the kidnapping of Cristian Edwards.

Yours respectfully and sincerely

John Milnes