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Dear Presidente Aylwin:

I have been informed through the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) that COMACH, the ITF-affiliated dock workers union, has been struggling for basic trade union rights and job security. It has been reported that your government has refused to grant such basic rights and has failed to support meaningful collective negotiations with COMACH. Further, we are advised that officials of your government authorized dock-worker employers to contract with casual workers for extended shifts and police were sent to break up picket lines in response to a warning strike held by COMACH.

You should be advised that the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union has always supported the establishment of basic trade union rights in the United States and abroad. We keep our members apprised of violations of such rights and encourage them to act based on their principles.

We view the situation in your country with alarm. I strongly encourage you to intervene and do what is necessary to establish basic trade union rights and enter into meaningful collective bargaining with COMACH. We will closely monitor the situation and encourage our members to take whatever action may be appropriate.

Very truly yours,

David Arian
President

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cc: D. Cockroft, Assistant General Secretary, ITF