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Your Excellency,

We are a group of persons who simpatize with AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, the international organization that fight against the violations of the human rights all over the world, and we are writing to you on behalf of NELSON WLADIMIRO CURINIR LINCOQUEO.

NELSON VLADIMIRO CURINIR LINCOQUEO was a 22-years-old Mapuche Indian, student at the Universidad Tecnica del Estado in Temuco and an activist in the Communist Party, that was killed probably by some uniformed men in misterious circumstances im October 1973.

In March 1990 a Mapuche Indian came forward to say that NELSON CURINIR's body had been found on the banks of the River Cautin in 1973 and that he had been buried as "NN" in a cemetery near Temuco.

The CNVR (COMISION NACIONAL DE VERDAD Y RECONCILIATION) appointed in 1990 when the Democratic Government was restored in Chile, and mandate to look into serious human rights violations committed during the years of Pinochet Government, presented NELSON CURINIR's case to a civilian court for investigations. NELSON CURINIR' s body was exhumed in November 1990, and the autopsy made on the orders of the civilian judge in charge of case, report revealed that he had been shot in the back of his head.

A "querella" for homicided was presented to the courts in 1991. Formally, however, the responsible for NELSON CURINIR's killing would be covered by an amnesty law passed in Chile in 1978 during the military dictatorship.

In our opinion this law is not acceptable in a really Democratic Country; it is unfair and rapresent an inevitable legitimation of the Pinochet regime' s crimes.

With this letter we ask you to investigate much more into the killing of NELSON CURINIR and into the killing of all the people that was killed during the state of siage and, that those responsible for their death will be brought to justice. We think that the amnesty law of 1978 constitutes an obstacle to clarifying past abuses and preventing their recurrence, and we think that the law should therefore be repealed.

We urge also that your Government would stop immediatly the discriminations against the indigenous people, and in particoular against the Mapuche Indians.

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