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Sr. Patricio Aylwin Azocar
Presidente de la Republica de Chile
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Señor Presidente,

We are a group of friends who are concerned about human rights violations around the world. The year 1992 is being marked in many countries as the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Europeans on the continent of what is now called the Americas. It, therefore, seems appropriate at this time to highlight concerns with respect to unresolved human rights violations against the indigenous peoples of these regions.

The case of NELSON WLADIMIRO CURIÑIR LINCOQUEO is one of these violations. His extrajudicial execution in 1973 continues to be of grave concern to us. We welcome the investigations into his killing and hope that the full truth will emerge and that those responsible for his death will be brought to justice.

Amnesty International believes this must happen with respect to this and all human rights violations committed in Chile, in order to prevent such atrocities from recurring. A.I. also believes that the amnesty law of 1978 constitutes an obstacle to clarifying past abuses and preventing their recurrence, and that the law should therefore be repealed.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,



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