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I am writing to you as an English member of Amnesty International, which you will know to be a worldwide organisation dedicated to the upholding of human rights without political or sectarian bias.

I am very concerned by reports through Amnesty International of the "disappearances" of Jose Julio Llaulen and Juan Eleuterio Cheuquepan Levimilla and five other Mapuche Indians in June 1974 following their arrest by members of the security forces in Temuco. I believe that the Appeals Court of Temuco in December 1991 ordered the detention of two members of the carabineros and a civilian on charges of abduction on connection with this case.

I welcome the investigations taking place into the "disappearances" and I hope that they will lead to clarification of the fate of the Mapuche Indians and that those responsible will be brought to justice.

I consider that full investigations into such cases are essential not only to inform relatives about the fate of their loved ones, but also to ensure that "disappearances" or other similar human rights abuses do not take place again.

Amnesty International does not oppose the granting of post-conviction amnesties or pardons. It believes however that this should never be at the expense of the rights of the victims and their relatives to the full truth about these cases and to justice and compensation.

Yours sincerely and respectfully

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