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Your Excellency,

The *Regional Council on Human Rights in Asia* expresses its grave concern over the threats and harassments directed against the members of the *Comite de Defensa de los Derechos del Pueblo (CODEPU)*.

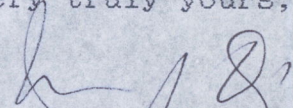
The *Council* has been informed that at dawn of January 29, 1992, unknown persons attacked the headquarters of CODEPU, located at No. 465, Office 405, Bandera Street, Santiago, Chile. Some goods were stolen and the archives were search for information contained in the documents. In the morning of the same day, members and workers of the *Comite de Defensa de los Derechos del Pueblo* received death threats from the "Frente Nacionalista de Combate", and were told that the incident served as a "warning" to them for defending life and human dignity.

The *Council* respectfully calls your attention to the fact that the right to life, liberty and security of persons are fundamental rights mandated by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The *Council* respectfully urges an immediate and impartial investigation into the harassments and threat directed against the members and workers of CODEPU and the illegal search and seizure at their offices. Finally, the *Council* also urges that all the necessary measures are taken to ensure that the rights of the citizenry are fully protected and to put an end to similar incidents and human rights violations.

Such acts on your part will be most welcome to international public opinion and support.

Very truly yours,


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