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Your Excellency:

RE: NELSON WLADIMIRO CURIÑIR LINCOQUEO, EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTION

Nelson Wladimiro Curiñir Lincoqueo, a Mapuche Indian, student and activist, was seized by security forces on October 5, 1973. It was not until November, 1990, that his family finally was able to locate and identify his body, and arrange a proper burial. Nelson Curiñir is just one of many Mapuche Indians whose killers remain beyond investigation, protected by the Amnesty Law that has operated to close investigations into human rights abuses which occurred prior to 1978, before the full facts have been clarified and criminal responsibility established.

In 1992, 500 Years after the arrival of Europeans in the Americas, we wish to re-affirm our desire to see the rights of Indigenous Peoples upheld by all governments of the Americas. We urge you to repeal the Amnesty Law that serves as an obstacle to clarifying past abuses. It is most important that potential abusers of human rights receive a clear message that they will not be able to hide, that the state will not protect them, and that violations will not be tolerated by your government.

Yours sincerely and respectfully,

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