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Sr. Patricio Aylwin Azocar,  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to you out of my grave concern regarding the extrajudicial execution of NELSON WLADIMIRTO CURINIR LINCOQUEO in 1973.

On the night of October 5, 1973, a group of armed men in airforce uniform arrested Mr. Lincoqueo. Mr. Lincoqueo was a 22-year-old Mapuche Indian, who was a student at the State Technical University in Temuco and an activist in the Communist Party. Although his relatives were unsuccessful in attempts to locate him, they were assured by officials that he was in detention and that he would shortly be released. Mr. Lincoqueo's body was found in March 1990. The autopsy report revealed that he had been shot in the back of the head.

We sincerely request that investigations will be made into his killing by your government, and that those responsible will be brought to justice. As supporters of Amnesty International we believe that this must happen with all human rights violations committed in Chile in order to prevent such atrocities from recurring.

Amnesty International believes that the amnesty law of 1978 constitutes an obstacle to clarifying past abuses and preventing their recurrence and that this law should be repealed.

I look forward to hearing from you about your response to this request.

Yours sincerely and respectfully,

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Excelentísimo Señor Presidente

RE: EJECUCION EXTRAJUDICIAL DE NELSON WLADIMIR CURIÑIR LINCOQUEO.

Nelson Wladimir Curiñir Lincoqueo, estudiante y activista mapuche fue detenido por fuerzas de seguridad el 5 de octubre de 1973. Su desaparición de muchos años sólo pudo aclararse en Noviembre de 1990, cuando su familia ubicó e identificó su cuerpo y pudo finalmente darle sepultura. Nelson Curiñir es solamente uno de los numerosos mapuches asesinados cuyos asesinos continúan en la impunidad, protegidos por la Ley de Amnistía. Esta ley ha sido usada para cerrar sumarios en investigaciones de violaciones a los derechos humanos ocurridas con anterioridad a 1978, impidiendo que los hechos sean aclarados y las responsabilidades criminales establecidas.

En 1992, 500 años después de la llegada de los europeos a las Américas, queremos reafirmar nuestra esperanza que los derechos de los Pueblos Indígenas sean defendidos por todos los gobiernos. Respetuosamente le pedimos que derogue la Ley de Amnistía que sirve de obstáculo para aclarar estos abusos. Nosotros creemos que es muy importante que aquellas personas que todavía piensan que pueden cometer abusos contra los derechos humanos, reciban un claro mensaje diciéndoles que no podrán esconderse de la justicia, que el Estado no los protegerá y que estas violaciones no serán jamás toleradas por su gobierno.

Sincera y respetuosamente,

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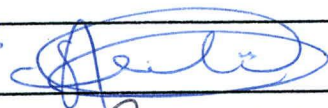
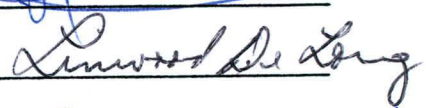
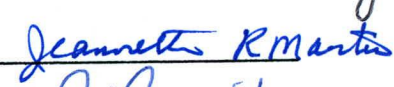



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