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Exelencia Sr. Presidente de la República.

During the years of military rule in Chile, (Sept. 1973- March 1990) Amnesty International received reports of thousand of cases of human rights violations, including "disappearances", cases of torture and ill-treatment.

Among the victims of these abuses were the Mapuche Indians, who were treated with extreme brutality by people they are now forced to associate with in their rural villages.

I am deeply concerned that those guilty of the abuses against the Mapuche Indians are still not brought to justice, and I wish that the 1978 amnesty law will be withdrawn so that investigation may be conducted against those guilty of the abuses. This is an obligation to the families who have lost their loved ones, and the best way to prevent abuses in the future.

Respectfully, *Magnhild Helland,*

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